

# FAIRYTAIL

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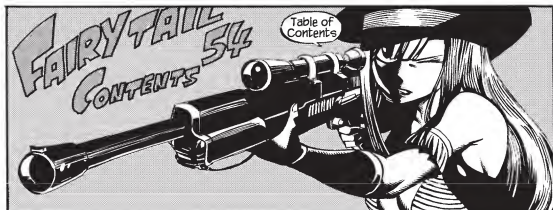


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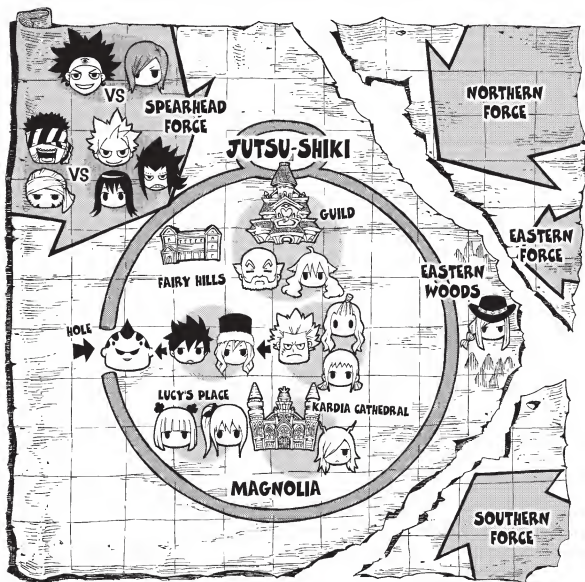
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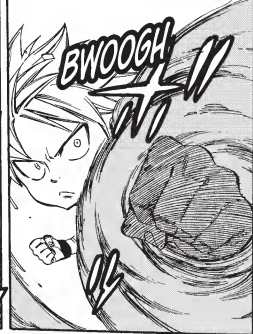
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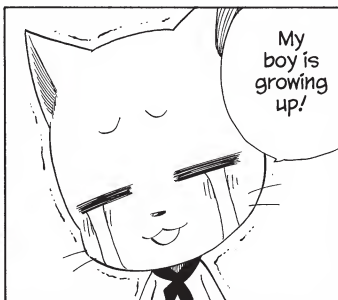
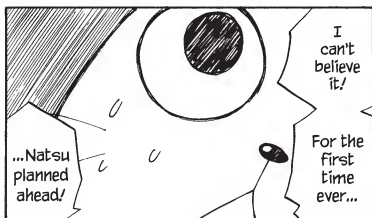
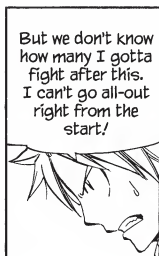
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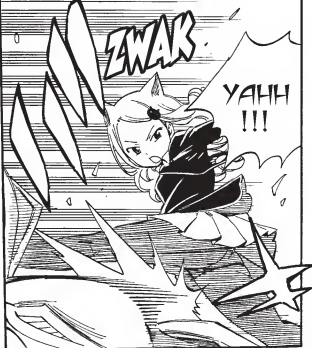
## Chapter 456: Orders



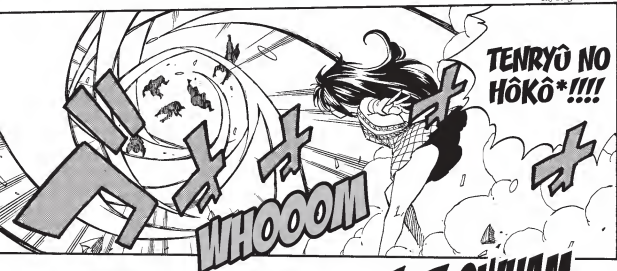








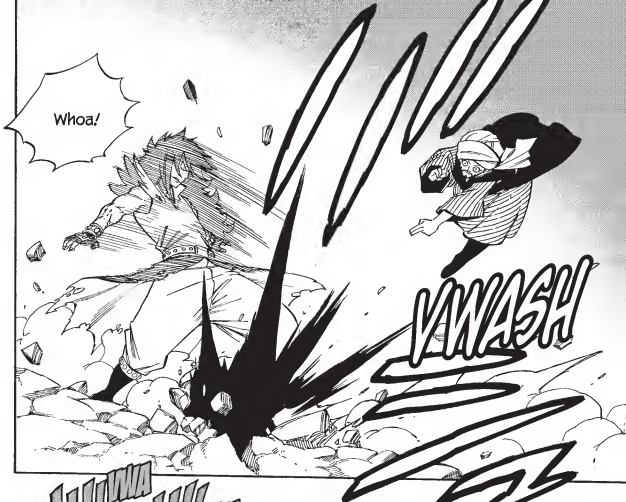
"Sky Dragon's Roar!!!"

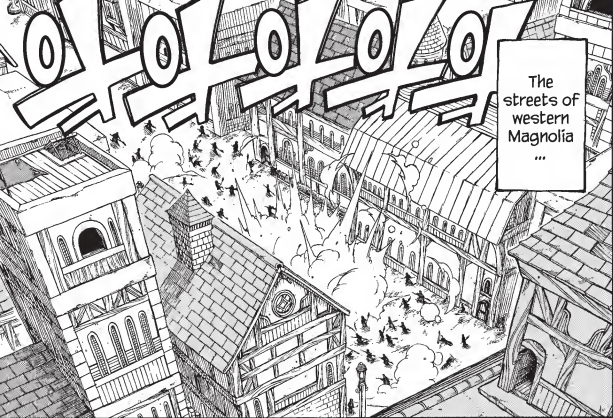


\*\*Iron Dragon Lance!!!"









The  
streets of  
western  
Magnolia  
...



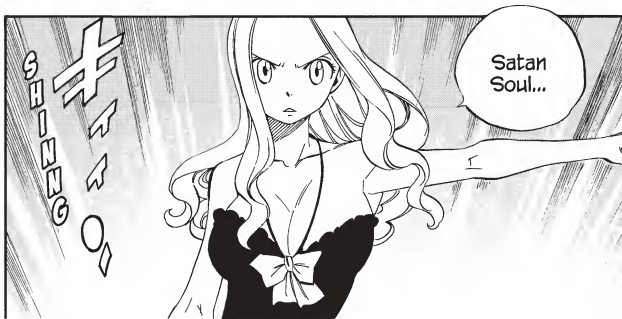
Still,  
there are  
not as many  
as when we  
fought  
Avatar!

Look  
at all of  
them!



And  
this is just  
one part...  
of another  
part... of the  
entire army!  
Dammit!

Yeah, but  
these wizards  
have more  
training and  
stronger  
magic!









These  
are your  
orders...



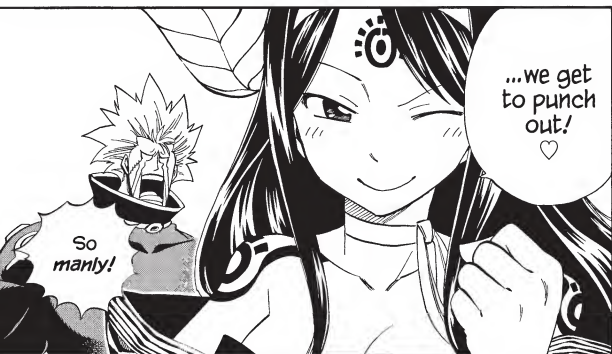
NGAH  
...



Every-  
one...



Get  
some shut-  
eye!





I see... This  
is one of the  
emperor's  
play-toys.

Macro...

One  
of the  
demonic  
curses!



Why can't  
I use  
Requip?!



Shrivel  
up!

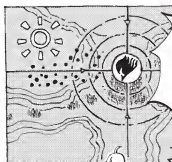
All  
the water  
that keeps  
you alive  
shall be  
depleted!



Kh...

Urgh...

Even if we manage to survive this battle, we *know* that bigger forces are on their way...



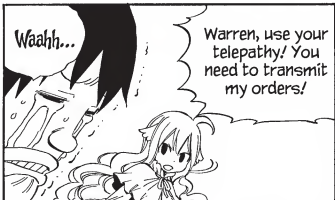
Osprey Force, Erza's aerial battle is not going well for her!

The guild ...

Isn't Jupiter ready yet?



Warren !!!



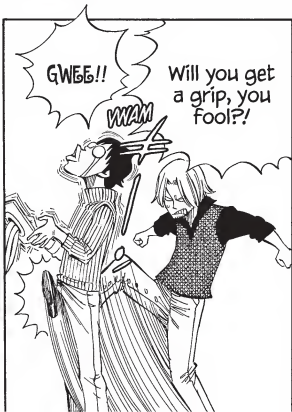
Waahh...

Warren, use your telepathy! You need to transmit my orders!



Max...

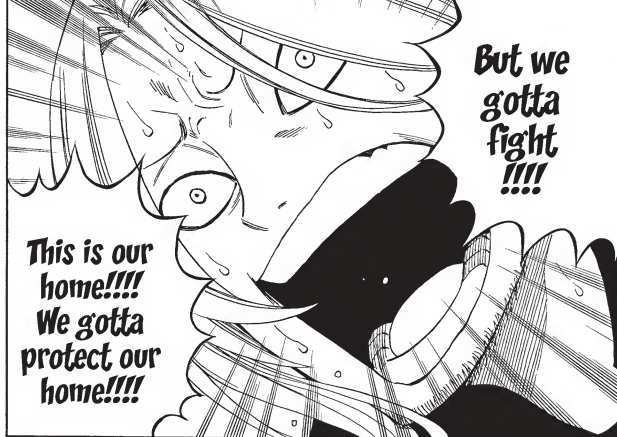
Everybody's scared! My knees have been knocking since this started!



GWEE!!

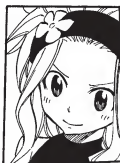
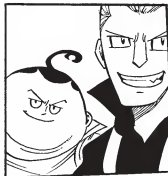
WAM

Will you get a grip, you fool?!



**But we  
gotta  
fight  
!!!!**

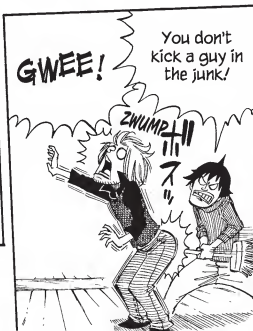
**This is our  
home!!!!  
We gotta  
protect our  
home!!!!**



This is  
Warren...

Yes...

Osprey  
Force, can  
you hear  
me?

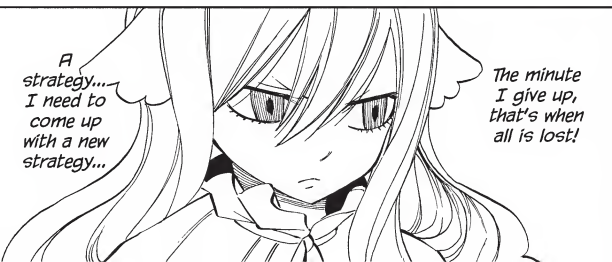
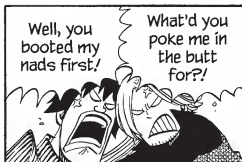
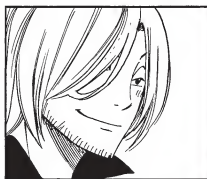


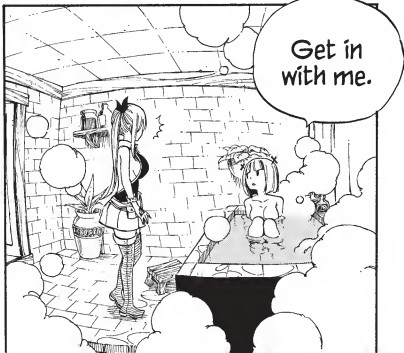
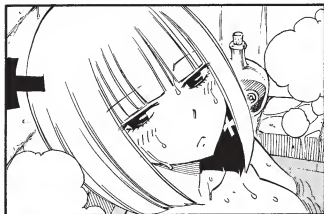
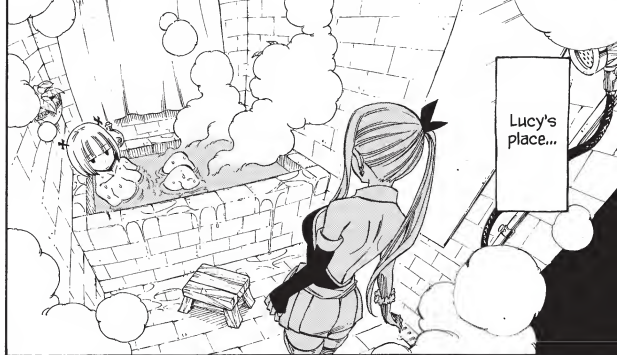
**GWEE!**

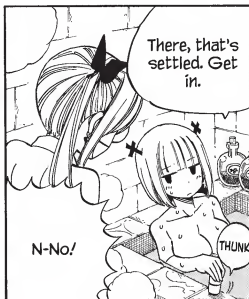
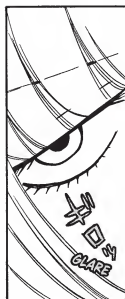
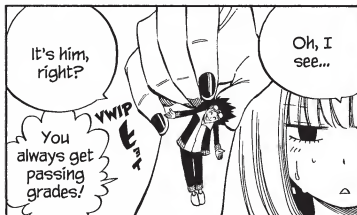
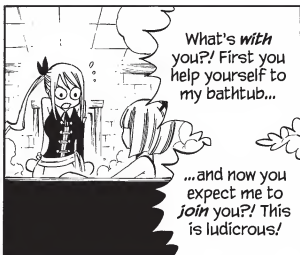
You don't  
kick a guy in  
the junk!

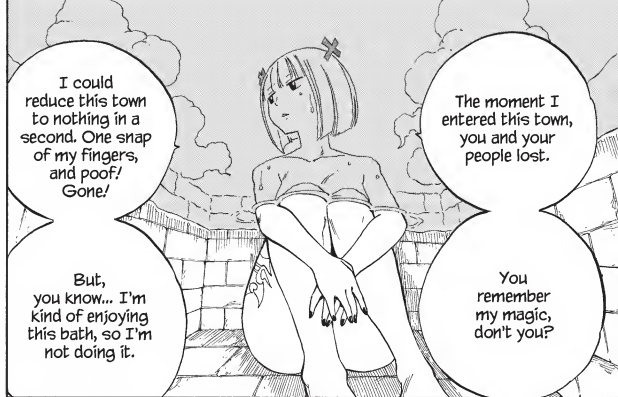
**ZWUMP!!**











I could reduce this town to nothing in a second. One snap of my fingers, and poof! Gone!

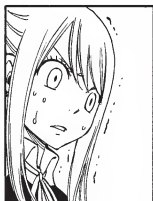
The moment I entered this town, you and your people lost.

But, you know... I'm kind of enjoying this bath, so I'm not doing it.

You remember my magic, don't you?



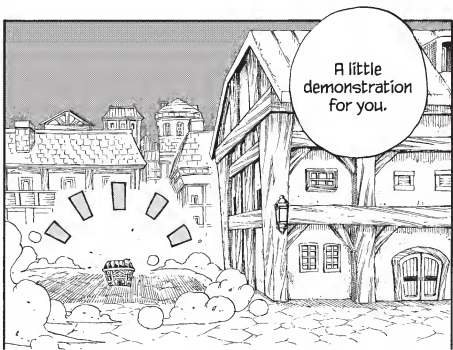
You understand, right?

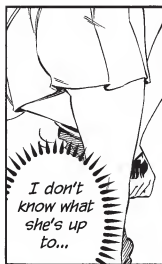


This may come as a surprise to you, but I treat my pets pretty well.

Don't worry... Not a thing will happen as long as you do what I say.

You're saying I'm a pet?!





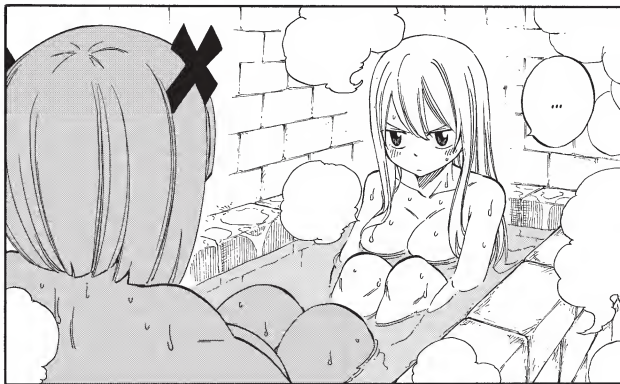


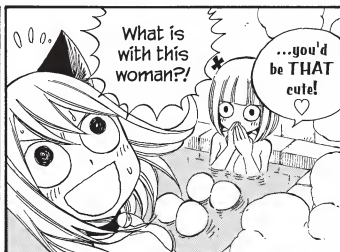
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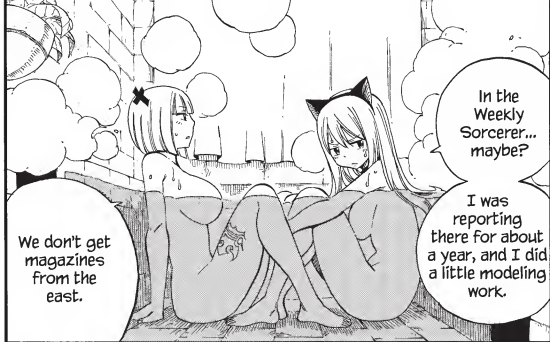
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## Chapter 457: Naked Battle









We don't get  
magazines  
from the  
east.

In the  
Weekly  
Sorcerer...  
maybe?

I was  
reporting  
there for about  
a year, and I did  
a little modeling  
work.



Hmm...

It isn't  
coming  
to me.



What's  
that?

How about  
from last year's  
Grand Magic  
Games?

GLANCE



Wash my  
back.

SPLASH



Arrgh!

Hey, we're trying  
to have a serious  
conversation  
here. Take those  
things off.

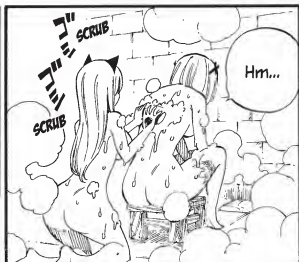
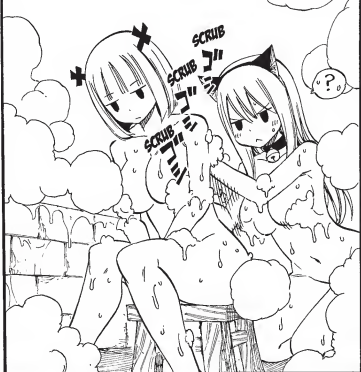


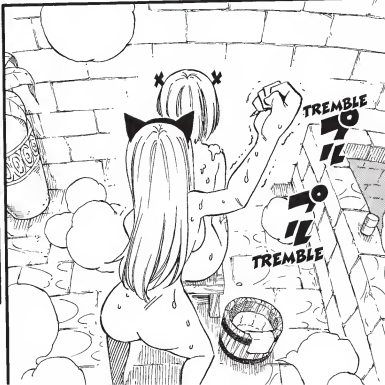
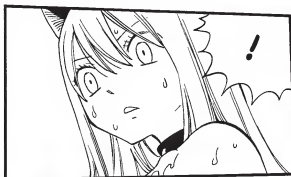
You  
broke  
into my  
home...

Wait...  
Did you just  
come here to  
confirm your  
suspicions?

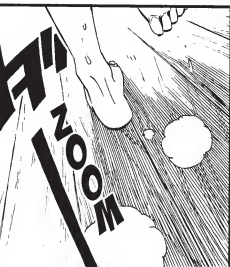
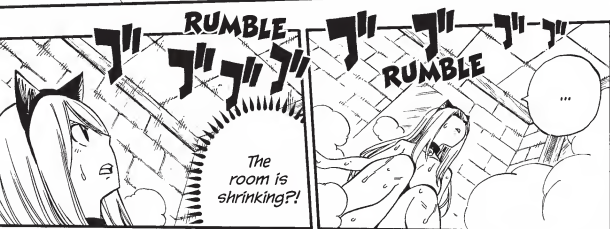
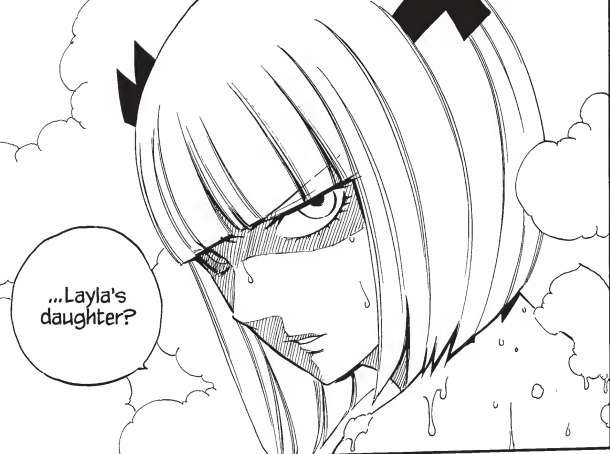


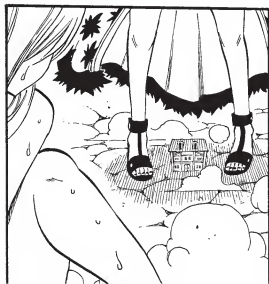
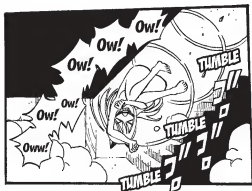
Of  
course.

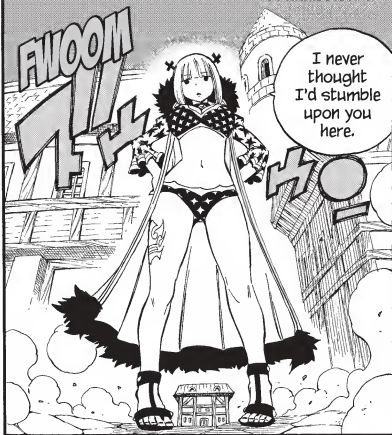








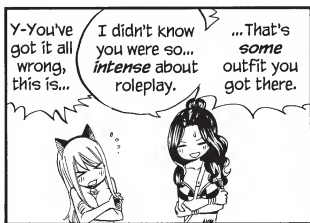


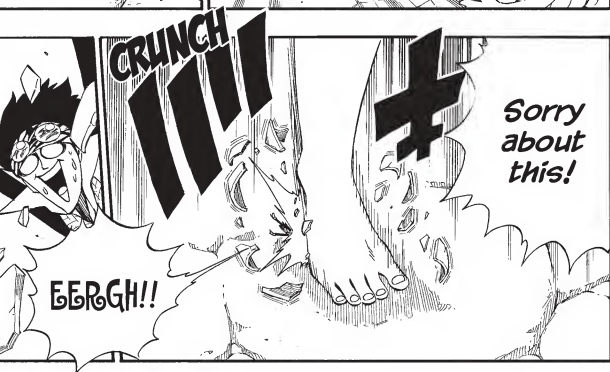
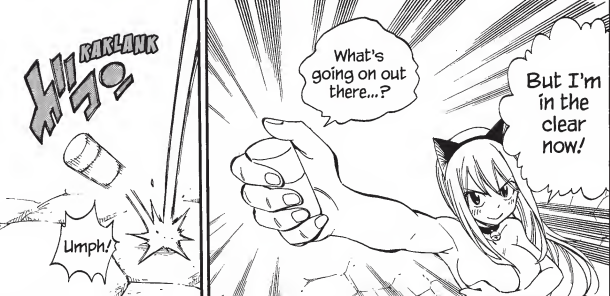


**BOOM**

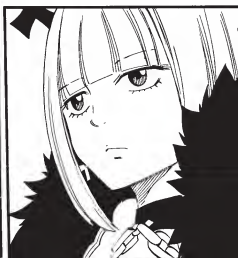
You think you  
can treat our  
town like your  
own personal  
playground?!

You're  
just an  
eyesore!

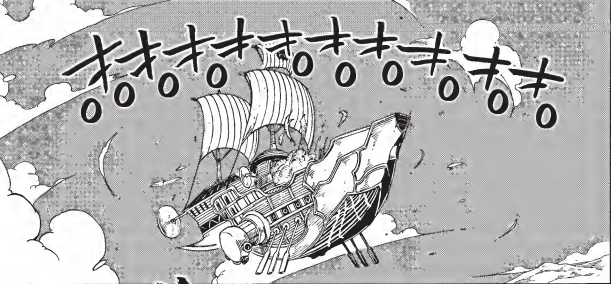












Wind?  
?!



VWAM



KLENCH

I  
can use  
Requip!



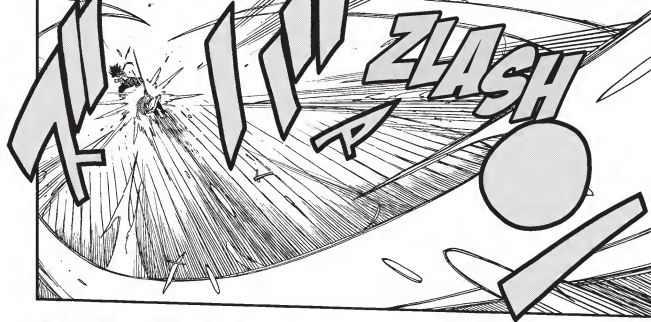
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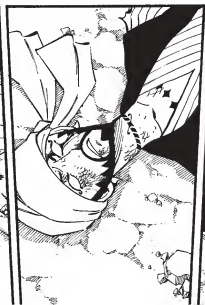
XOXOXOXO

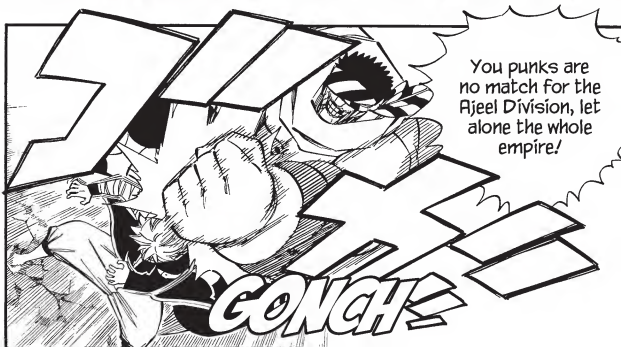
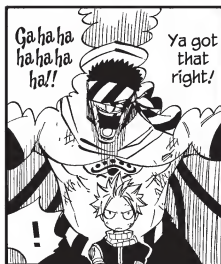


WIND-  
GOD  
ARMOR!

VWAAAH





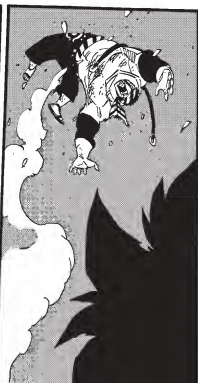
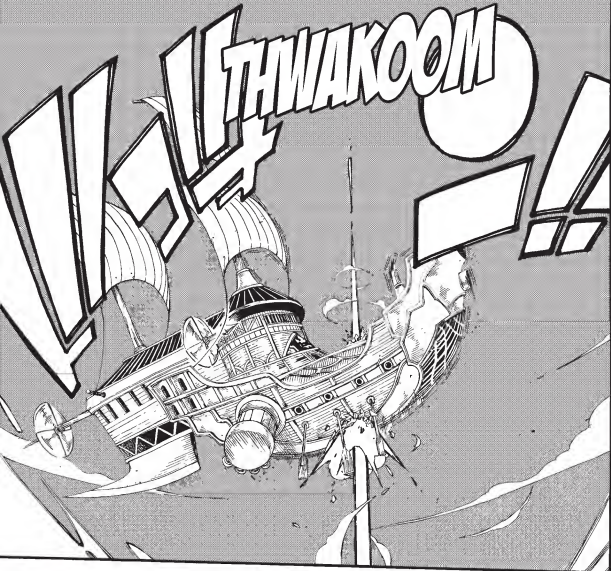


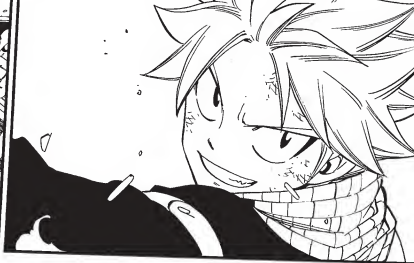








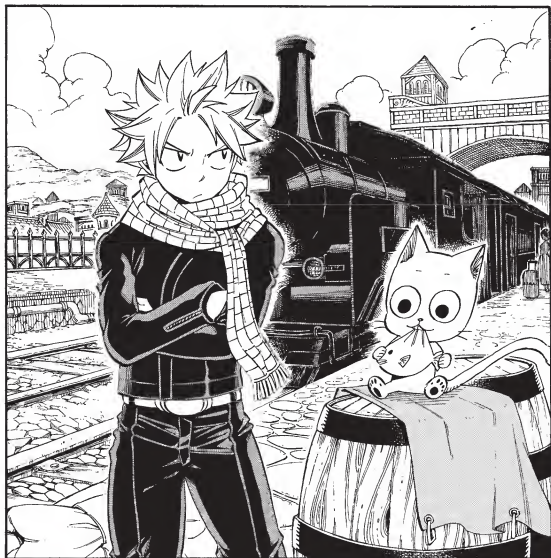


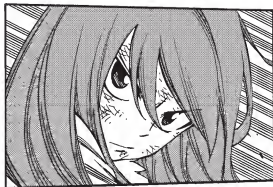
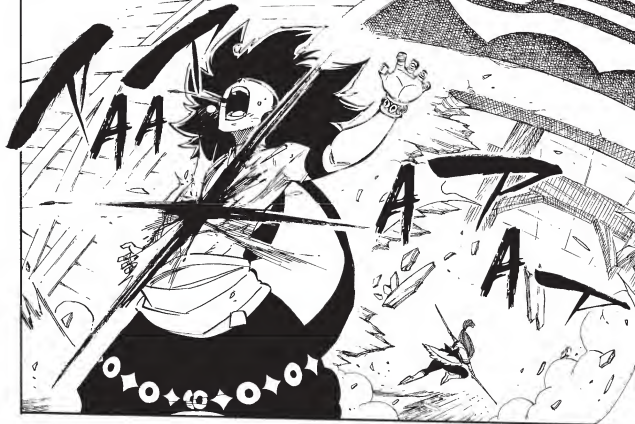


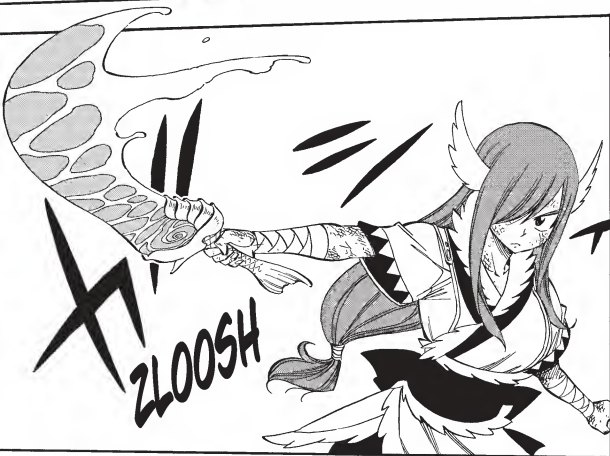
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## Chapter 458: Morning Star











You're  
just can-  
non fodder!  
You're  
nothing!

Dammit  
!!!

TUMP

TUMP



BOOM!!!

The Sea  
God Sword  
can harden  
sand!

WHOOCH



...the  
great Ajeel  
angry!

How  
dare you  
make...

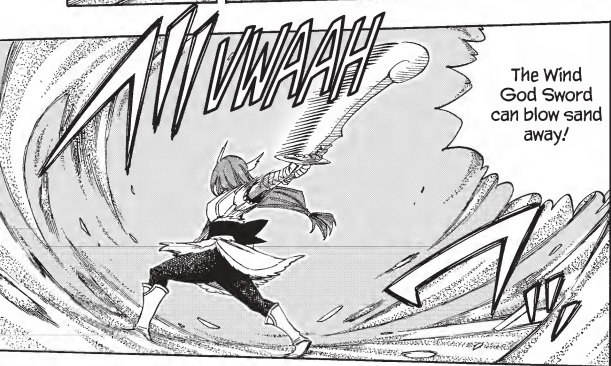


WHOOCH

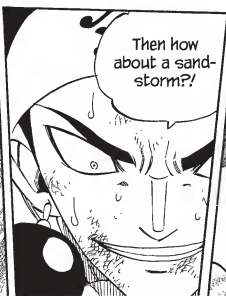
HAH!



It's futile!  
I've already  
figured out  
how to fight  
that magic!



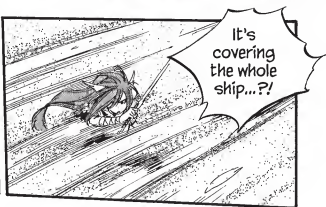
The Wind  
God Sword  
can blow sand  
away!



Then how  
about a sand-  
storm?!



Sand has  
too many  
weak-  
nesses.



We'll use  
our dragon  
noses to  
hunt down  
the enemy  
and crush  
them!

You  
cats  
stay  
back!

This  
is bad!  
The enemy  
is still  
coming!

I can't  
see any-  
thing!

Probably  
that sand  
wizard  
up there,  
right?!

What the-?  
Where'd  
this sand-  
storm come  
from...?



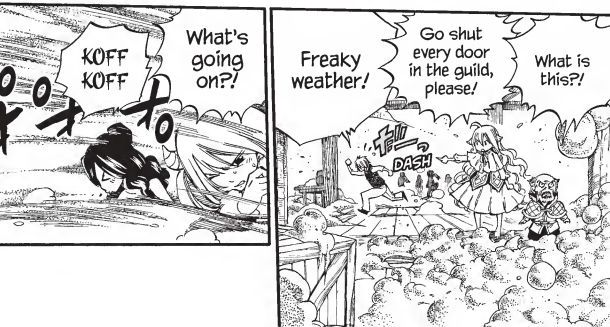
KOFF  
KOFF

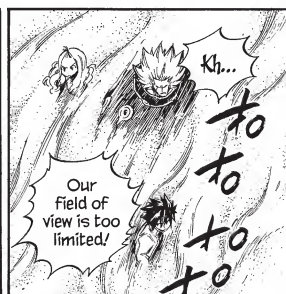
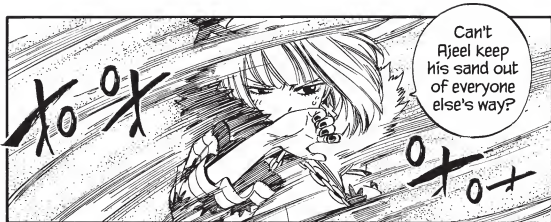
What's  
going  
on?!

Freaky  
weather!

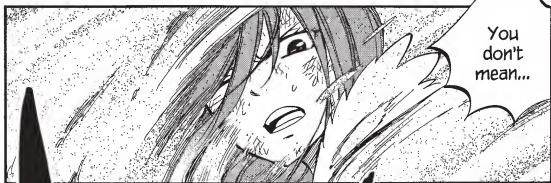
Go shut  
every door  
in the guild,  
please!

What is  
this?!









You  
don't  
mean...



...that you're  
covering the  
entire town  
in this sand-  
storm...?!

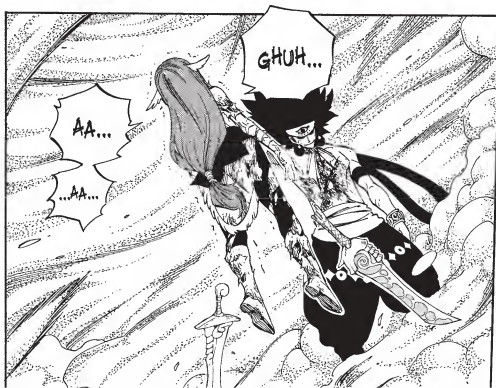


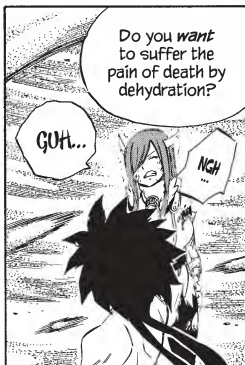
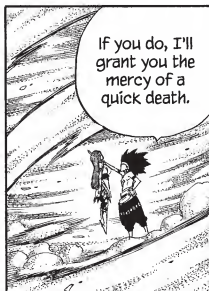
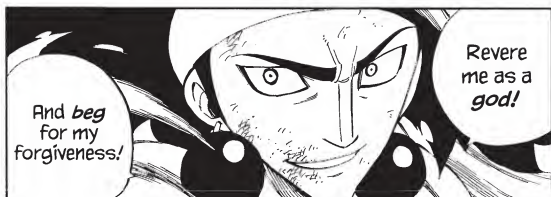


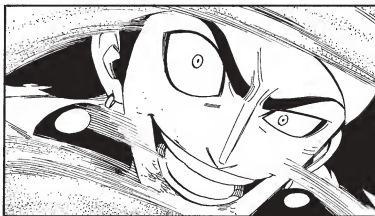
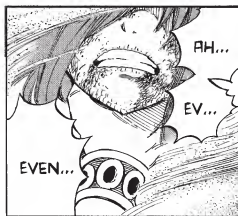
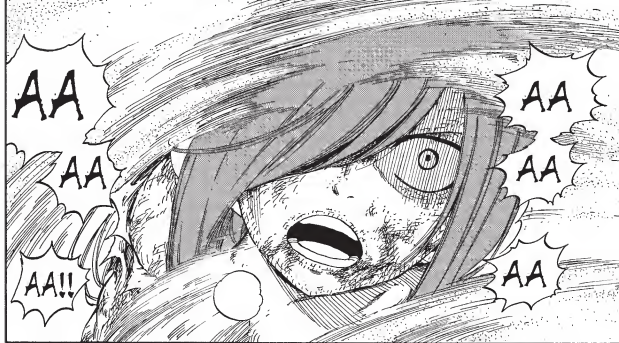


\*Rami Saif = Sand Sword in Arabic.





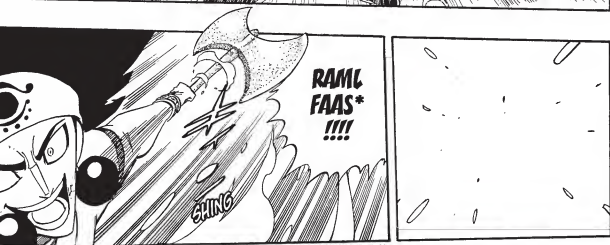




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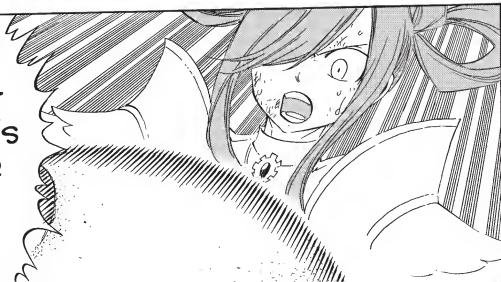
MORNING  
STAR  
ARMOR  
!!!!

That  
won't save  
you!

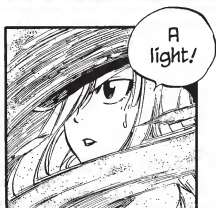


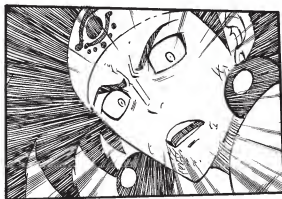
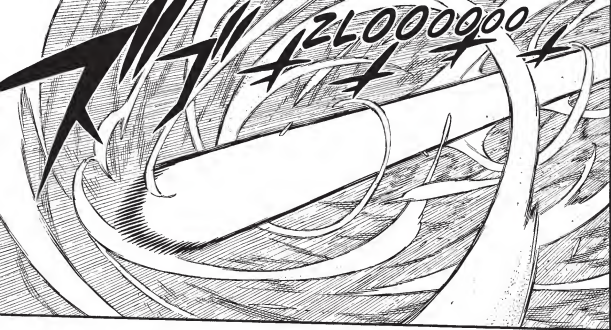
\*Raml Faas = Sand Axe in Arabic

Your  
head is  
mine  
!!!!



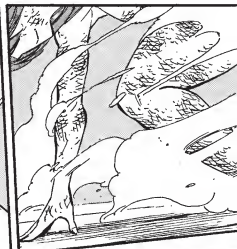




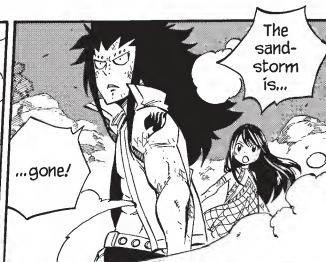
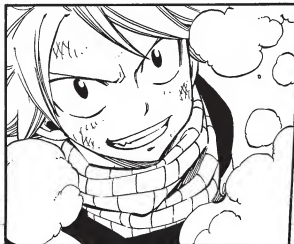
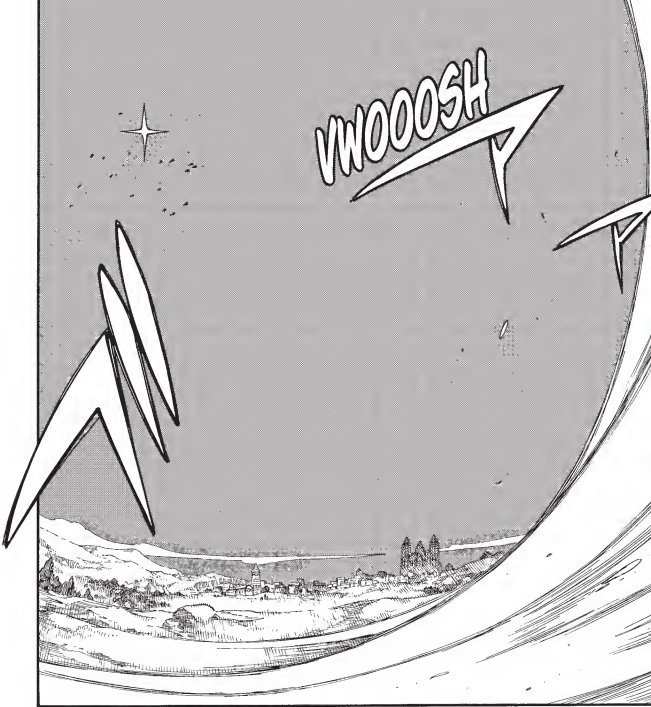


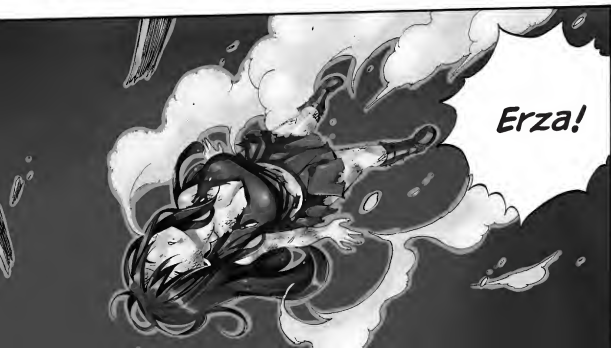
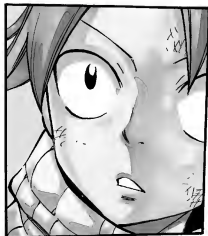


N-Not...  
possible...







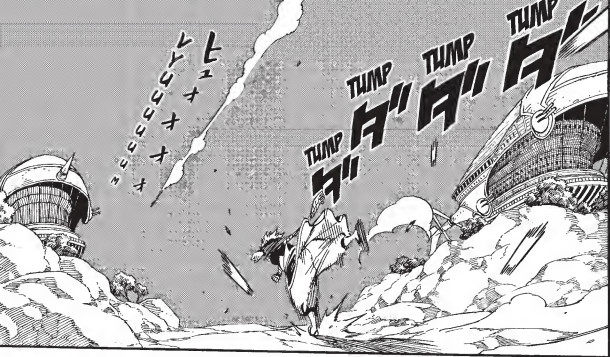


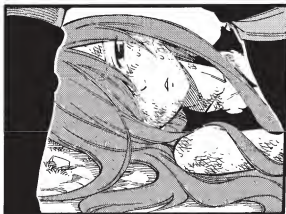
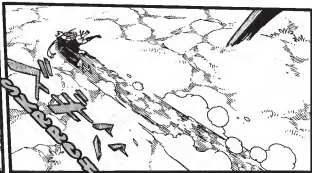
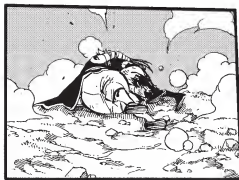
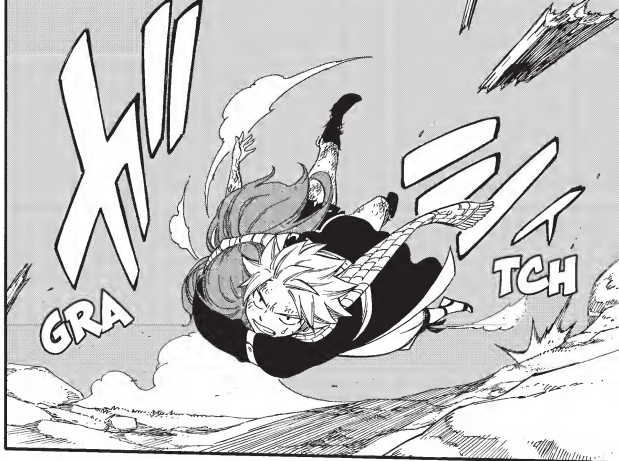


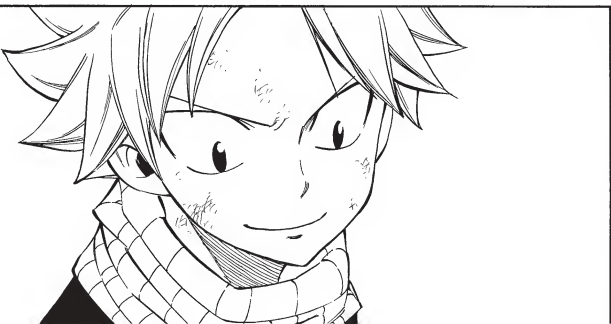
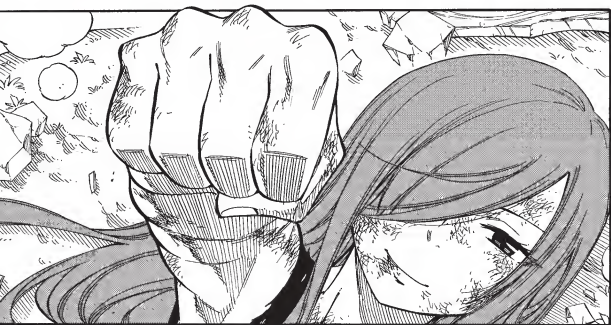
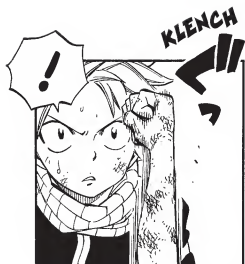
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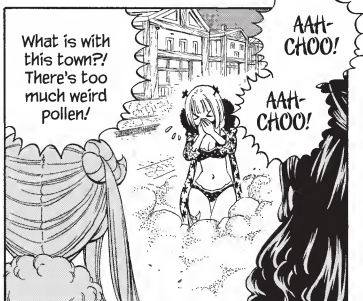
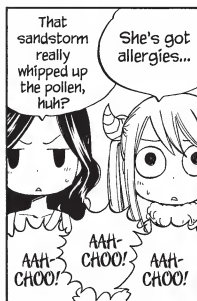
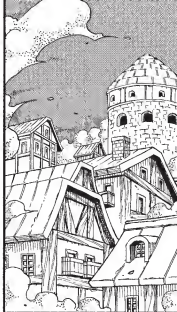


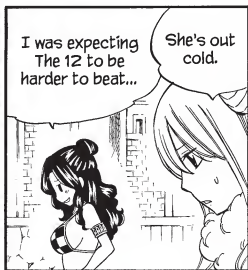
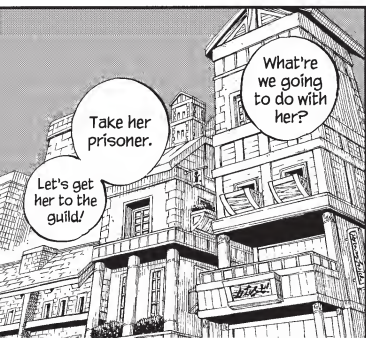
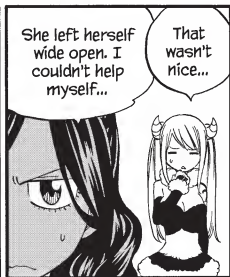
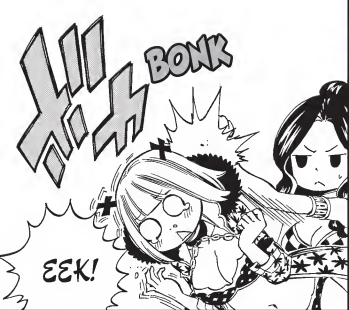


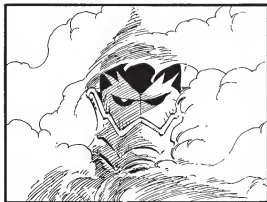
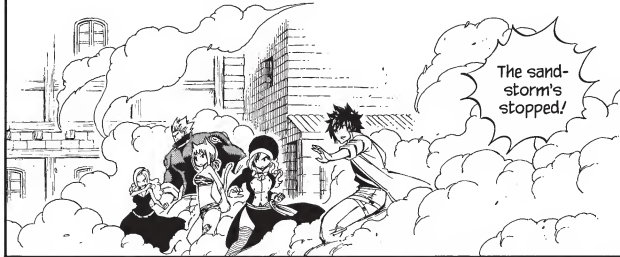


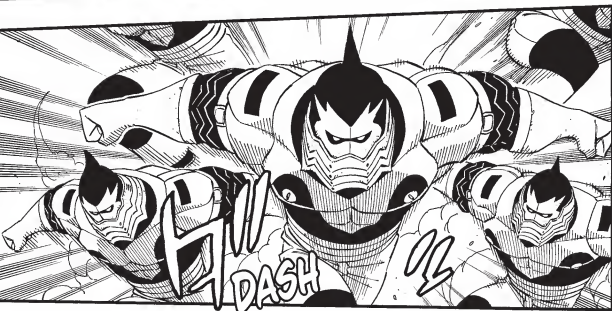






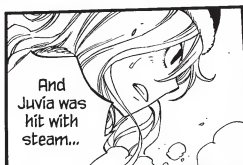


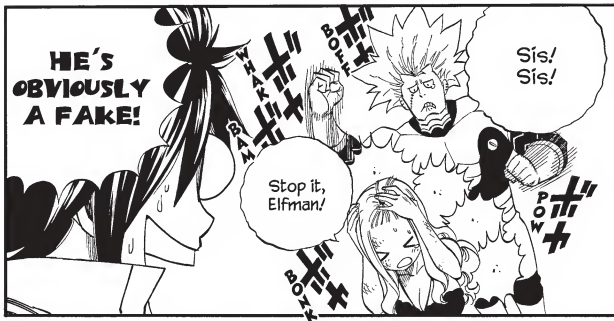
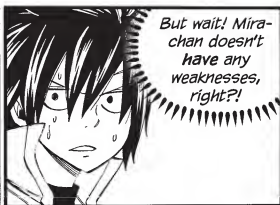


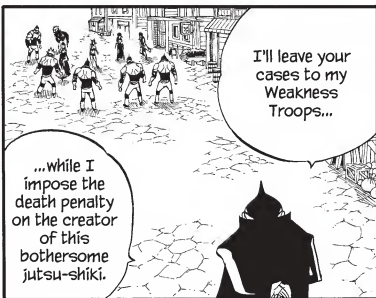
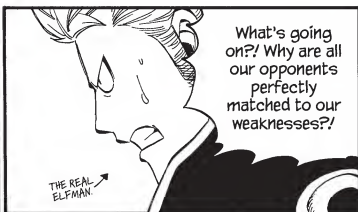


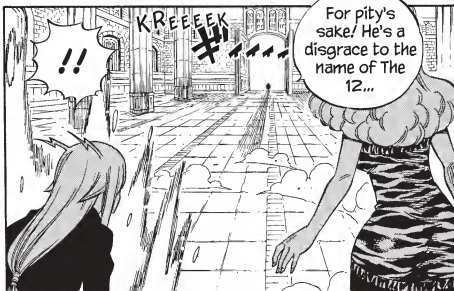
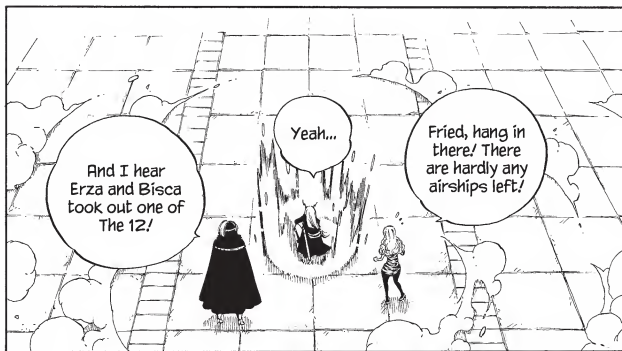














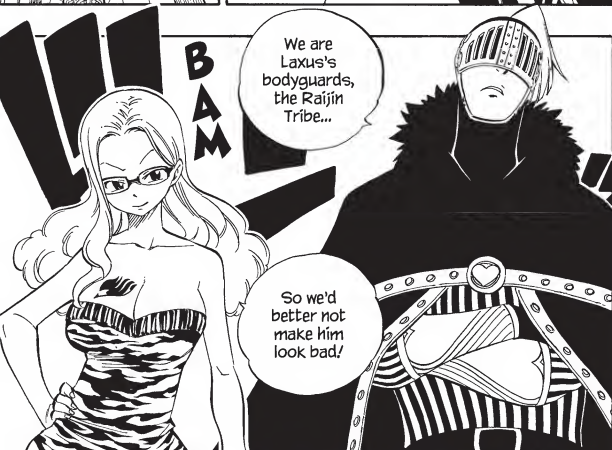
**Right!**

Just  
leave him  
to us!



I can't move  
when casting  
a high-level  
jutsu-shiki...

Sorry,  
but I'm  
counting  
on you  
two!



We are  
Lexus's  
bodyguards,  
the Raijin  
Tribe...

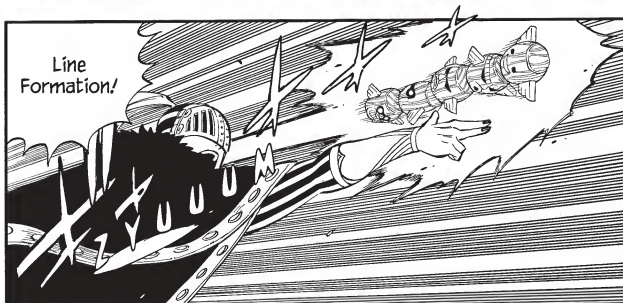
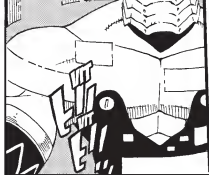
So we'd  
better not  
make him  
look bad!



Yes... I  
see your  
weaknesses!

I see it. I see  
all! Where you  
are best, and  
where you are  
worst!







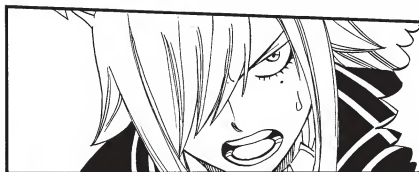


Dammit!

My Black  
Magic and his  
White Magic  
just cancel  
each other  
out!



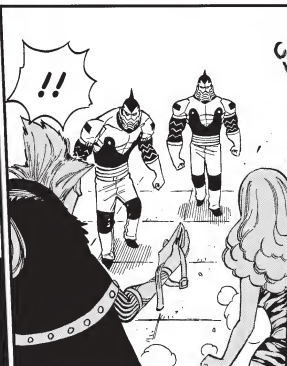
Eyaaaaa!

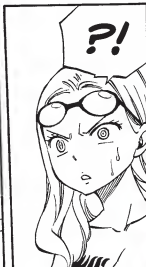


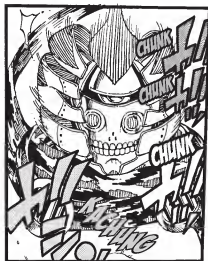
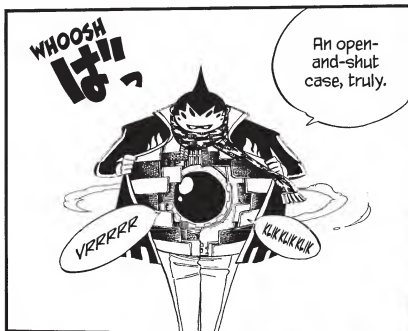
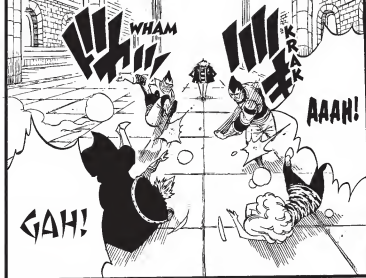
Use your  
second  
magic!  
Your eyes!



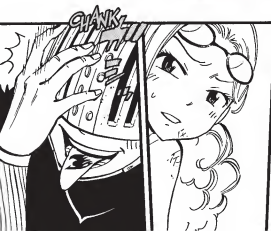
It doesn't  
work on  
them?!

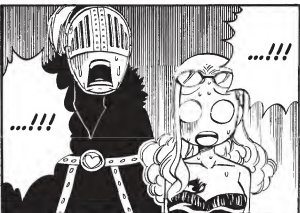
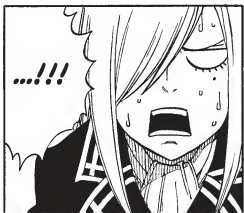
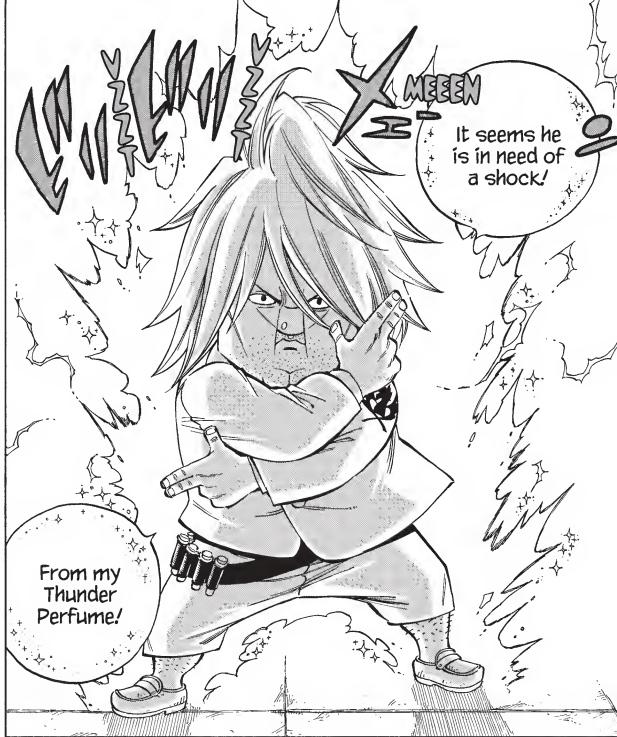












# FAIRY TAIL

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## Chapter 460: The Pegasus That Came to Earth



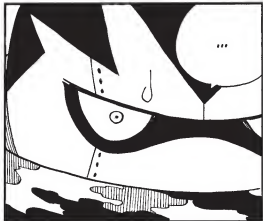
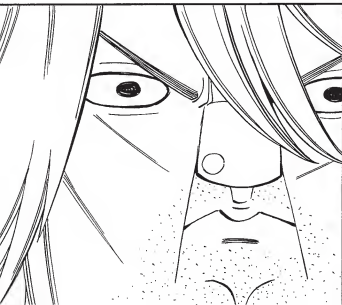
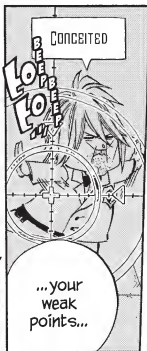
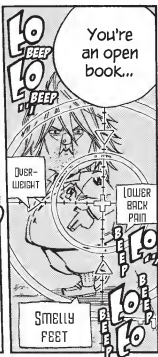


You could not have forgotten your harsh treatment, could you? But be that as it may, shall we remove this pest from the premises?

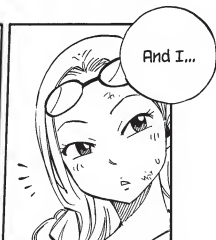
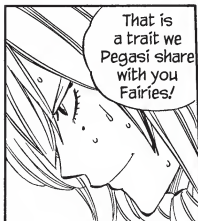
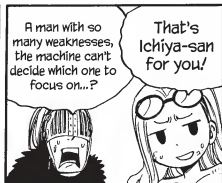
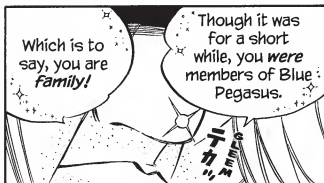
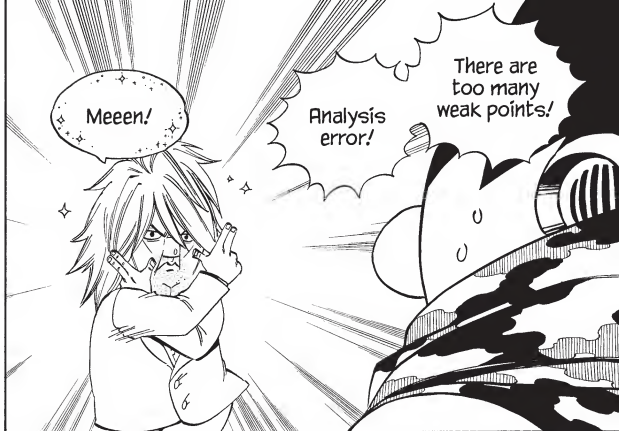


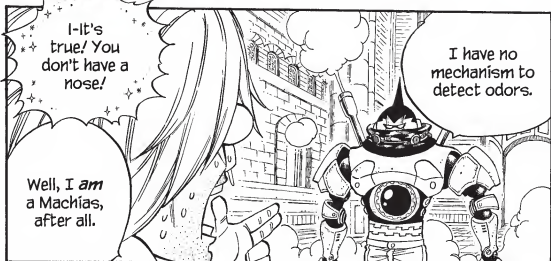
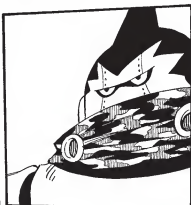
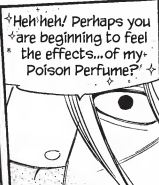
What's he doing here?!

Ichiya-san!











...in the  
end...

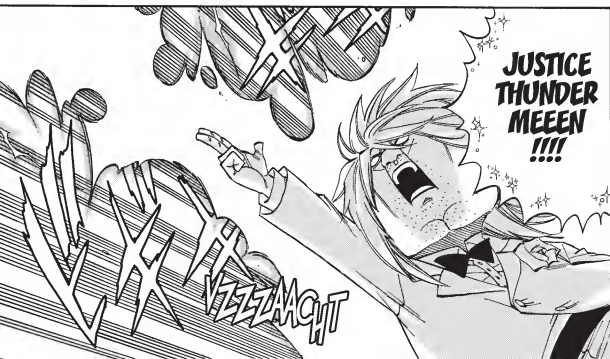
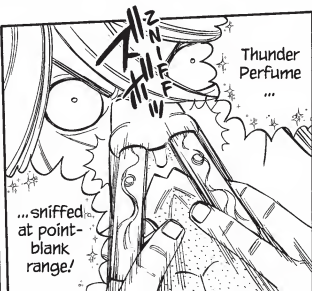
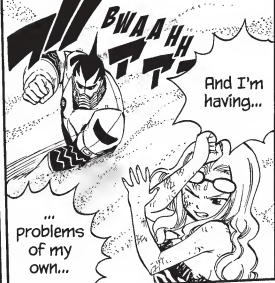
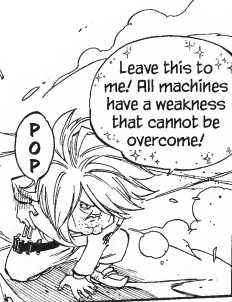
Your excess  
of weakness  
has delayed the  
verdict, but...

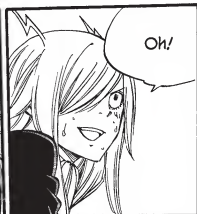


...your poor  
defense makes  
this case an  
effortless win  
for me!



Ichiya!









Therefore, I  
devised a way to  
convert lightning  
into energy I  
can use!



My  
specialty is  
uncovering  
weakness.

I could  
hardly leave  
my own un-  
addressed!



**VOLTEx  
CHARGE!**



I had heard that they're able to perform alchemy, but...I never thought he'd be able to transform his body...!

Meeen !!

Gaah!

Aaaa!

The more lightning I absorb...

...the more powerful I become!

SPRIGGAN

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CRACK!

CRACK!

CRACK!



*This enemy  
is a bad  
match for  
him!*



*Yes, it was a  
letdown when we got  
Ichiya instead, but now  
I'm glad that Laxus  
didn't come!*



*In other  
words, even  
Laxus's magic  
won't work on  
him!*

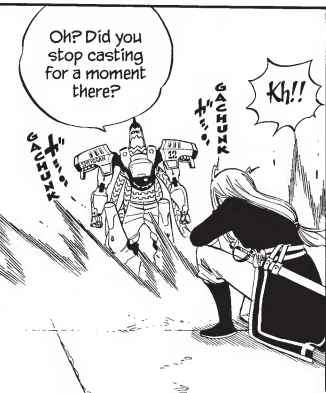


*We're  
still under  
attack  
from the  
west!*

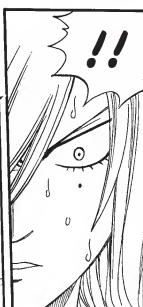
*Fried!  
Don't let  
up on your  
jutsu-shiki!*



*Which  
means I  
have no  
choice!*



*Oh? Did you  
stop casting  
for a moment  
there?*





Or continue casting though it will cost your own life? A difficult judgment to make.

Will you take down the town's jutsu-shiki to protect yourself?



**No!  
Stay away!**



Hey... He can hear you even if you don't shout...

Fried, what's going on?! I'm coming there now to back you up!



**It's our  
job to  
protect  
you...**



**We're  
the Raijin  
Tribe... your  
bodyguards!**

KRANG

KRANG







But if there's more than one of them, then go after someone else's attacker, Ever!



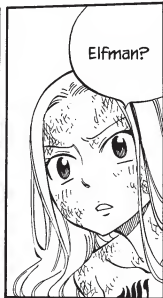
Weakness Troops?!

Yeah, they're a pain!



Hyah! Since water puts out fire, Juvia can take this one on!

Hey, this one's a cinch!



Elfman?



So we hit the Weakness Troops' weak points?



Mirajane! Mirajane!

And I'm *really* good at beating myself up!!



Leave the fast one to me!

I'll take the strong one!

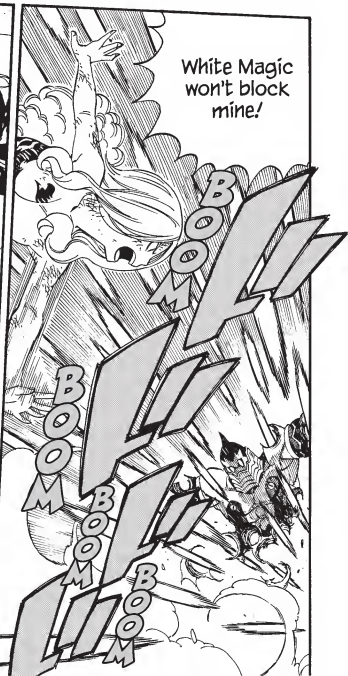


Okay,  
then...

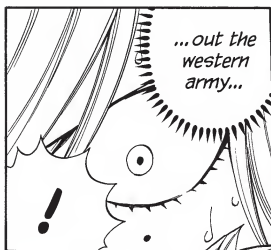
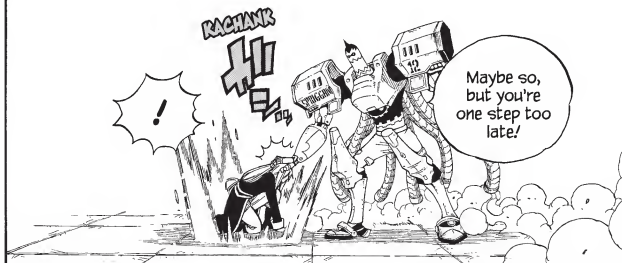
It was  
that  
simple  
...?



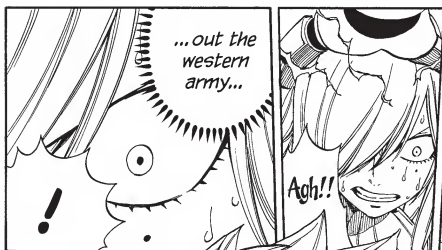
And  
these souls  
have no problem  
finding enemies  
in the fog!



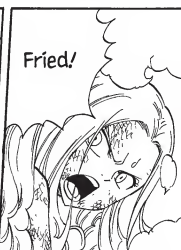
White Magic  
won't block  
mine!



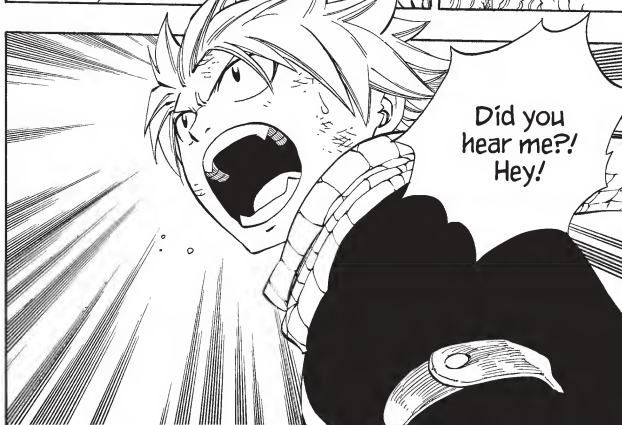
...out the  
western  
army...



Agh!!



Fried!



Did you  
hear me?!  
Hey!



**We just  
cleaned out all  
the western  
troops!**

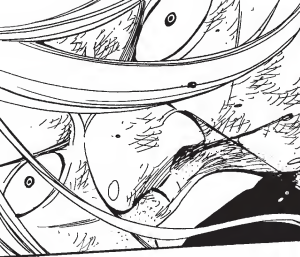


Now I can  
fight with  
no regrets!



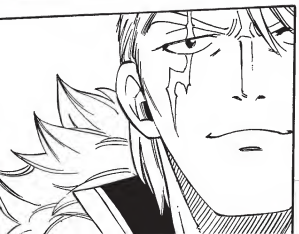
That's our  
Natsu!





E-EW...!

There goes  
Ichiya, trying  
to steal Fried's  
spotlight!



WHAM  
WHAM  
WHAM

GAHH  
!!

THE  
DARK  
ÉCRITURE:  
SHADOW  
!!!!

POWER  
PERFUME  
ON MAX  
MEEEN  
!!!!

GOOOOM





Is Erza all right?

I'd be in real trouble if you had to worry about me!

Are you all right, Ever?

Hey, where're your clothes? Both of you?!

Yes, we did.

Phew! We finished things up here, too.



We're bringing her back to the guild!

And we bagged one of The 12, too! By sheer luck...



Erza-san will be fine!



HEHN... ニヤア...



This is Fairy Tail!

Did you see that, Zeref?!

We won!

All right!

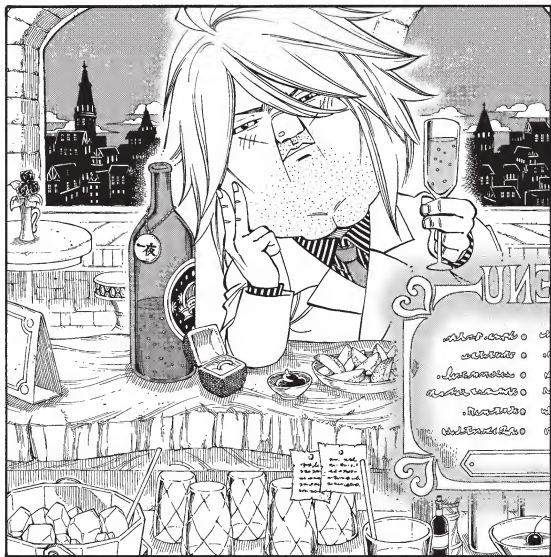
Yes... Well done!

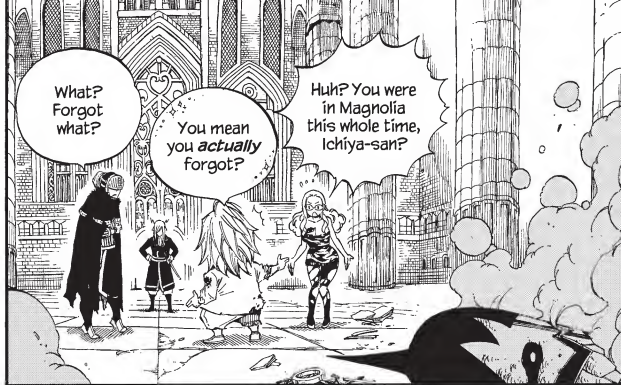
It looks like we somehow survived the enemy's spearhead attack.

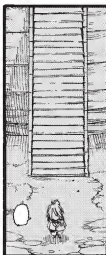
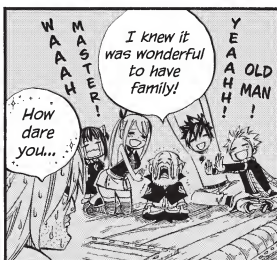
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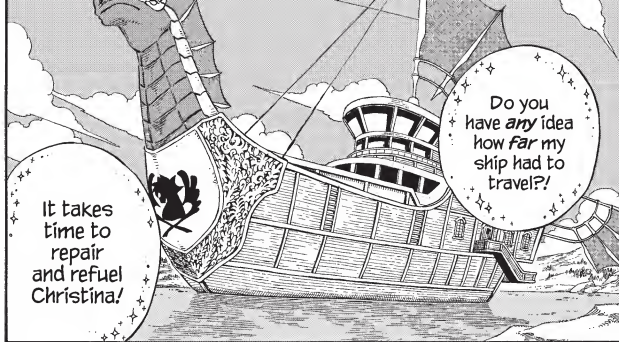
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## Chapter 461: This Perfume Goes To...



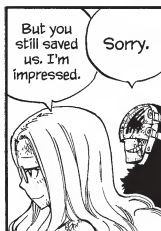






It takes  
time to  
repair  
and refuel  
Christina!

Do you  
have *any* idea  
how *far* my  
ship had to  
travel?!



But you  
still saved  
us. I'm  
impressed.

Sorry.



Do you  
know how  
mad that  
made  
me?!

You  
little...  
You  
little...

And then  
Alvarez  
suddenly  
attacked!



He sure  
can be  
difficult.



I'm not  
speaking to  
you!  
HMPH!





AH HYA  
HYA HYA  
HYA!



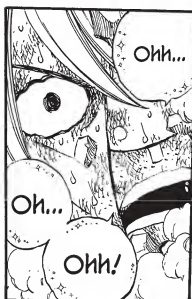
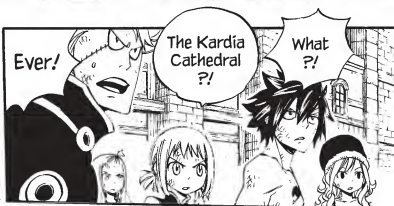
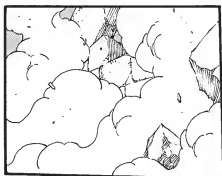
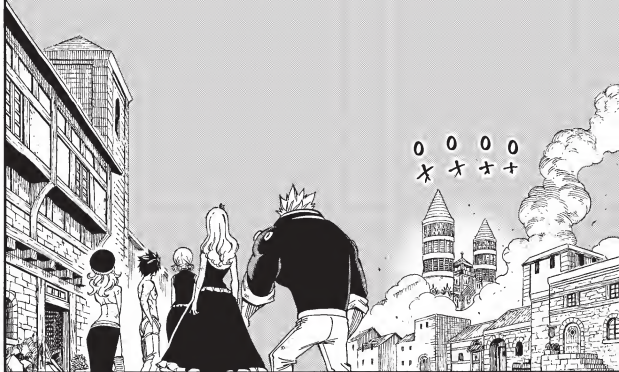
Y-You  
mean...

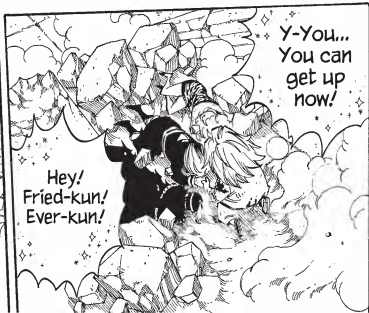
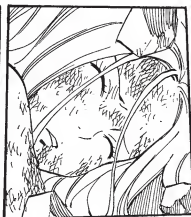
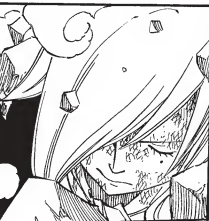


Hm?

Ichiya!  
Watch  
out!







Y-You...  
You can  
get up  
now!

Hey!  
Fried-kun!  
Ever-kun!

Bickslow-  
kun!

When someone has been...in a guild with you...they're just like family...aren't they...?

YOU...

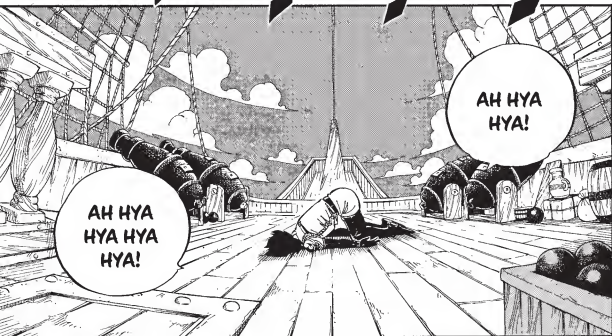
You really ...!

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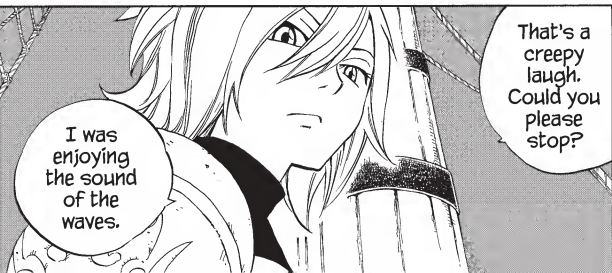


South of  
Fiore, near  
the port  
town of  
Halgeon...



AH HYA  
HYA HYA  
HYA!

AH HYA  
HYA!



I was  
enjoying  
the sound  
of the  
waves.

That's a  
creepy  
laugh.  
Could you  
please  
stop?



AH

HYA

HIA

AH HYA  
HYA HYA  
HYA!

HYA

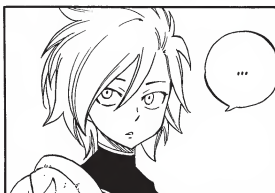
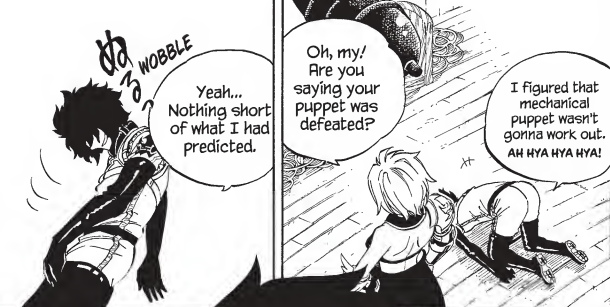
HYA

I can't help  
it... They made  
this case a  
lot more fun  
than my briefs  
suggested...

HYA

AH HYA HYA!  
Oh! I guess I  
should stop with  
the legal talk, ya  
know?

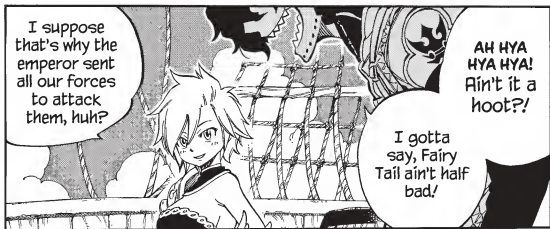
WALL EEHTO  
(HIS REAL BODY)





Oh, how pitiable she is!

Randi is...  
an enemy prisoner  
...?



I suppose that's why the emperor sent all our forces to attack them, huh?

AH HYA  
HYA HYA!  
Ain't it a hoot?!

I gotta say, Fairy Tail ain't half bad!



Now, don't get ahead of yourself. We'll make landfall soon, and our first task is to take control of the harbor town.



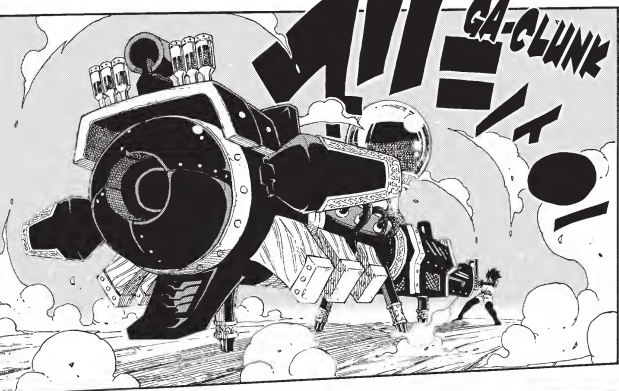
No fun at all, DiMaria...

But...  
it's no fun havin' them think we're pushovers!



If you're thinking of reducing the harbor to rubble, we're still 30 km away.

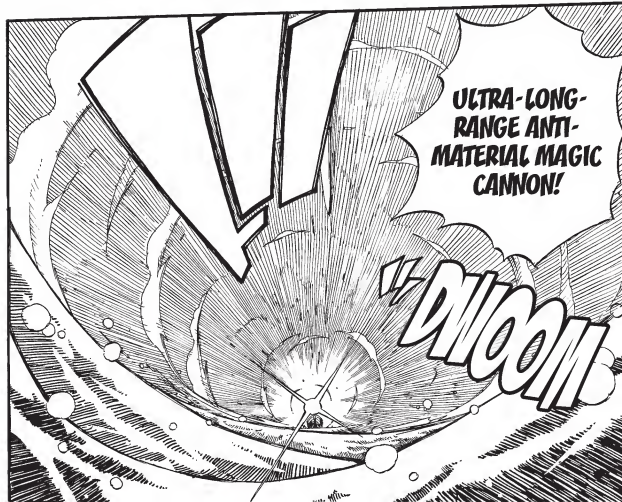
Naw...



That's some 400 km away. Even you can't hit it.



I'm aimin' at Fairy Tail!





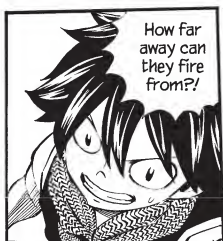




What?!

Whatever it is,  
it's coming  
towards us  
at immense  
speed!

I'm detecting  
a great heat  
emanating  
from the  
south... Wait!  
It's magic?!



How far  
away can  
they fire  
from?!



No...  
Probably  
an Alvarez  
attack...

Fresh  
troops...?!



Dammit!

Can't reach  
him...!  
The Raijin  
Tribe isn't  
responding!



Well, first!  
Fried, I need  
the jutsu-shiki  
barrier up  
again...

Fried!



I won't allow it!



We're gonna lose *another* guild hall?!

Everybody get outta here!

Distance: 700... 600...  
No! It's gonna be a direct hit!

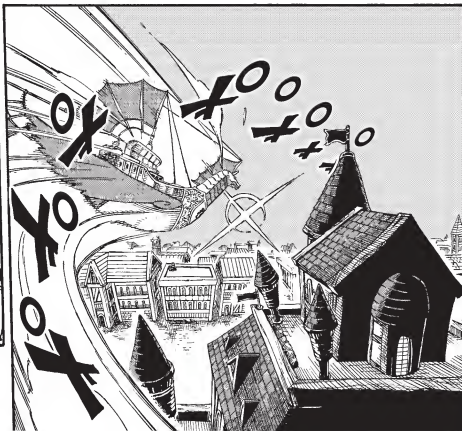


I know that voice...

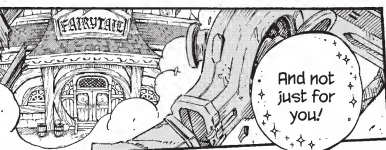


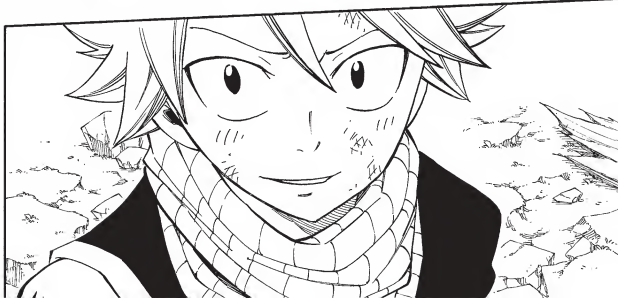
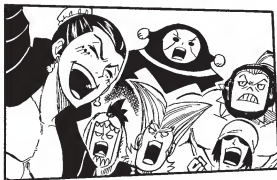
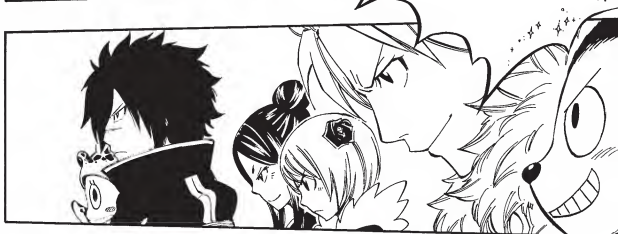
It's Christina!

Ichiya-san?!







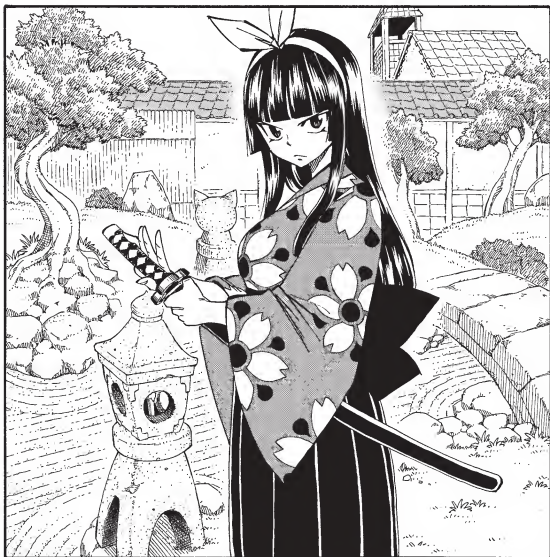


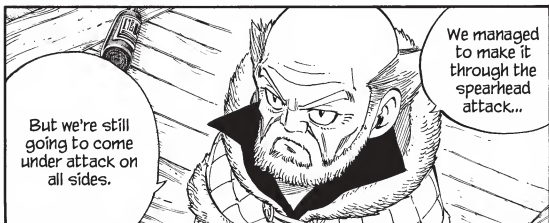
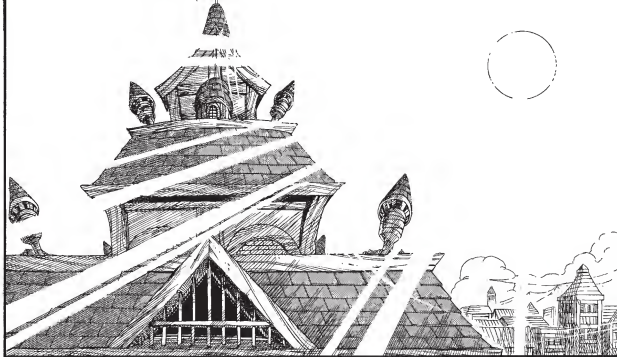


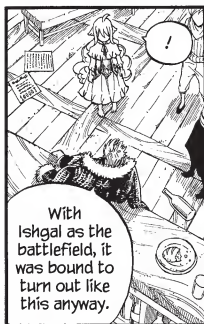
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## Chapter 462: Battlefield









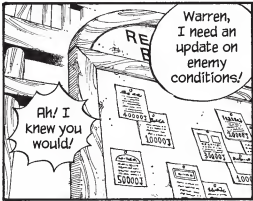
...and turn  
our minds to  
creating a new  
strategy.



Right now,  
we can only be  
thankful for  
the help...

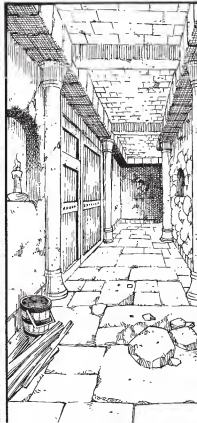
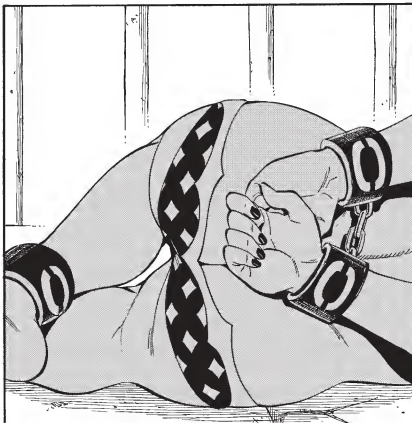


There's  
some truth to  
what Laxus  
says.



Warren,  
I need an  
update on  
enemy  
conditions!

Ah/ I  
knew you  
would!





She's stayin' quiet, so that means they're stoppin' her magic, right?

You think these anti-magic cuffs really work?

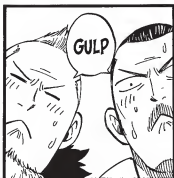


T-True... Not a typical outfit for most moms, huh?

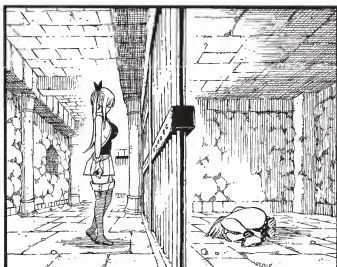
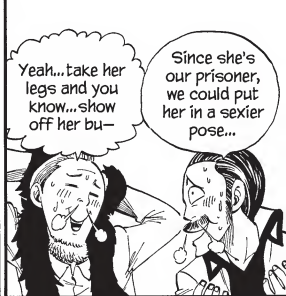
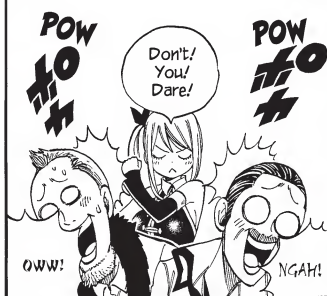
Just look at Bisca!

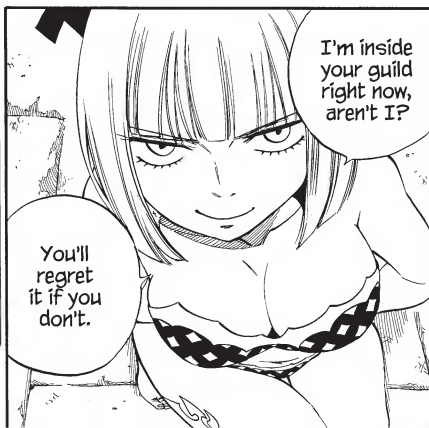
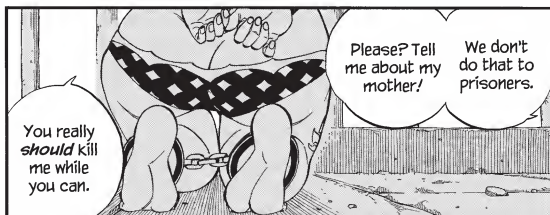
I wonder if all the women dress that way over there.

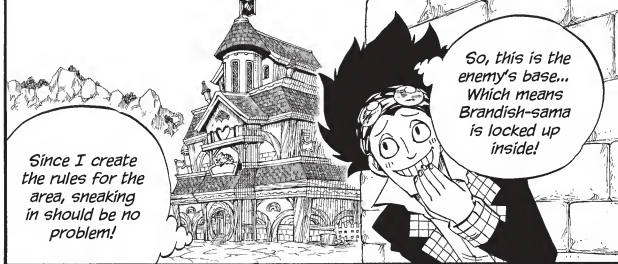
Hey, she sure is gorgeous, huh?











Since I create  
the rules for the  
area, sneaking  
in should be no  
problem!

So, this is the  
enemy's base...  
Which means  
Brandish-sama  
is locked up  
inside!

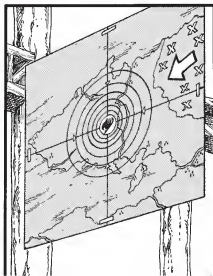
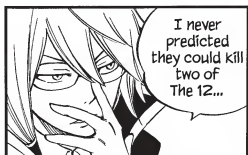


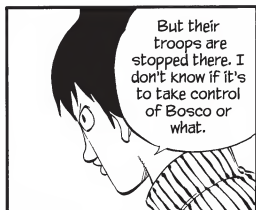
Far to the  
west of  
Magnolia...



How  
could  
that...?

Your Majesty...  
The spearhead  
forces, including  
Ajeel and Brandish,  
have been defeated.









First Master...  
Let's go back  
them up!



Hey! Have  
some faith  
in the other  
guilds!

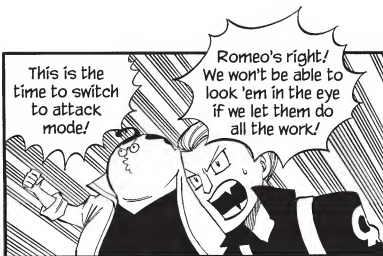


We can't  
think that way.  
We don't know if  
the guilds to the  
north and south  
will win.



That means  
we only have  
to worry about  
the eastern and  
western forces,  
right?







That machine-freak is down south, isn't he?

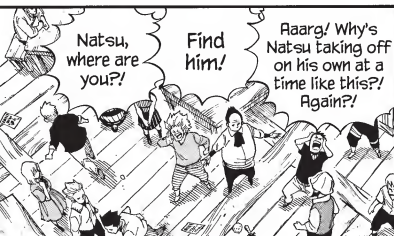
And reinforcing the southern attack: Natsu, Gray, Juvia, Wendy, and Laxus.

I haven't paid my respects to Lyon's ugly mug in a while!

The Sky Sisters together again, hm?

We'll get to fight alongside Sherria again, won't we?

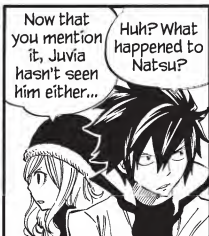
Juvia would rather not see him at all.



Natsu, where are you?!

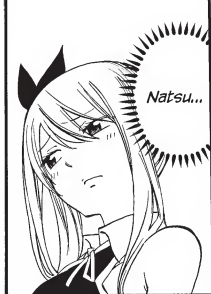
Find him!

Aaarg! Why's Natsu taking off on his own at a time like this?! Again?!



Now that you mention it, Juvia hasn't seen him either...

Huh? What happened to Natsu?



Natsu...



Where are ya, Natsu?!

Natsu!

Erza!

I am sure Natsu is perfectly fine!

But you're wounded ...

I shall go south in his stead!  
And be reunited with Kagura...



All others will be charged with protection of the guild.

Well, we can't leave those dirty geezers in charge, can we?

O-Okay...

Lucy and Cana will guard our prisoner.

The possibility of an enemy ambush attack still exists.

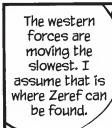
Urk



I would think that these are his reserve forces, to be committed after the fates of the other three have been decided.



!



The western forces are moving the slowest. I assume that is where Zeref can be found.



First Master... What will we do about the eastern and western enemies?

WHOOSH ぽん

Therefore,  
it is where we  
must commit  
the strongest  
of our forces.

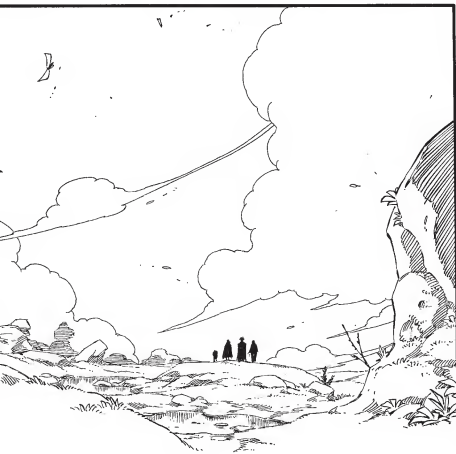
At  
present,  
the east is  
where our  
greatest  
danger  
lies.

Okay,  
then the  
east! I'll go!  
Please send  
me!

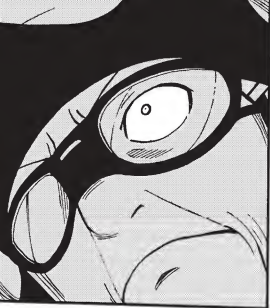
Of course I  
have! This'll be  
the strongest  
force in Fiore!

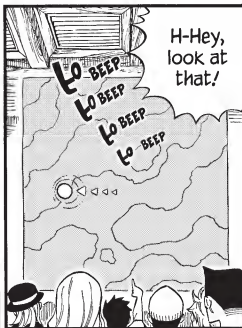
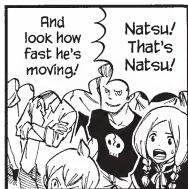
Warren, have  
you made  
contact?

What  
does that  
mean?











Let's finish  
this once  
and for  
all!!!!

**GWOOOOOGH**

**Zeref  
!!!!**

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## Chapter 463: Black Carpet



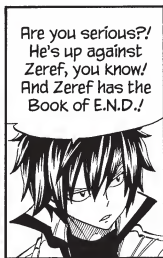




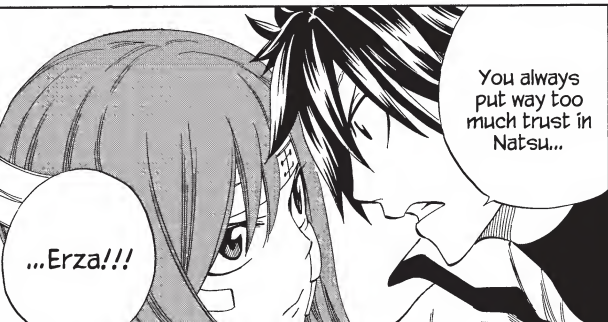


Natsu said something about having a plan to defeat Zeref.

I have every confidence that he will.

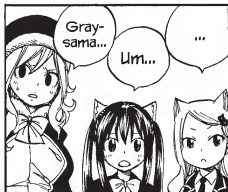
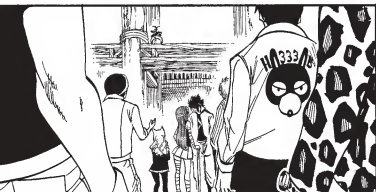


Are you serious?! He's up against Zeref, you know! And Zeref has the Book of E.N.D.!



...Erza!!!

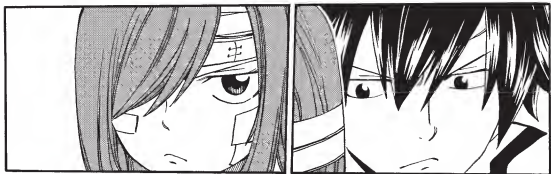
You always put way too much trust in Natsu...

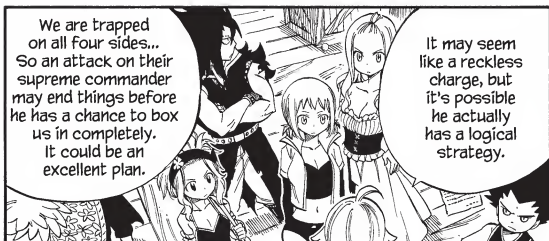


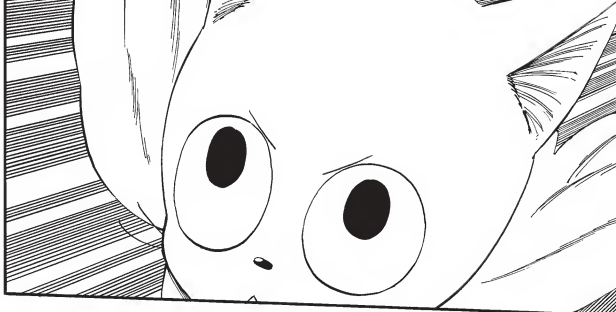
Gray-sama...

Um...

...











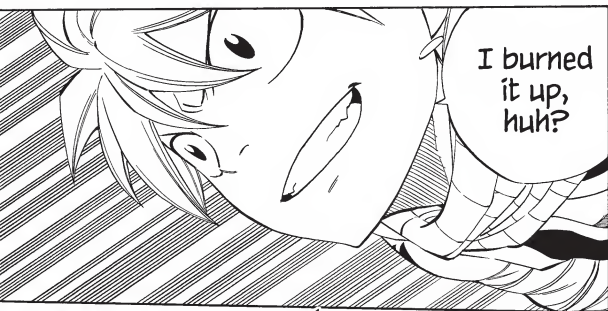
You  
burned  
it up,  
Natsu.

Oh,  
yeah!



Awful rude  
to bring a  
carpet into our  
house without  
askin' us!

Come to  
think of it,  
what'd we do  
with that old,  
dirty carpet  
we had?

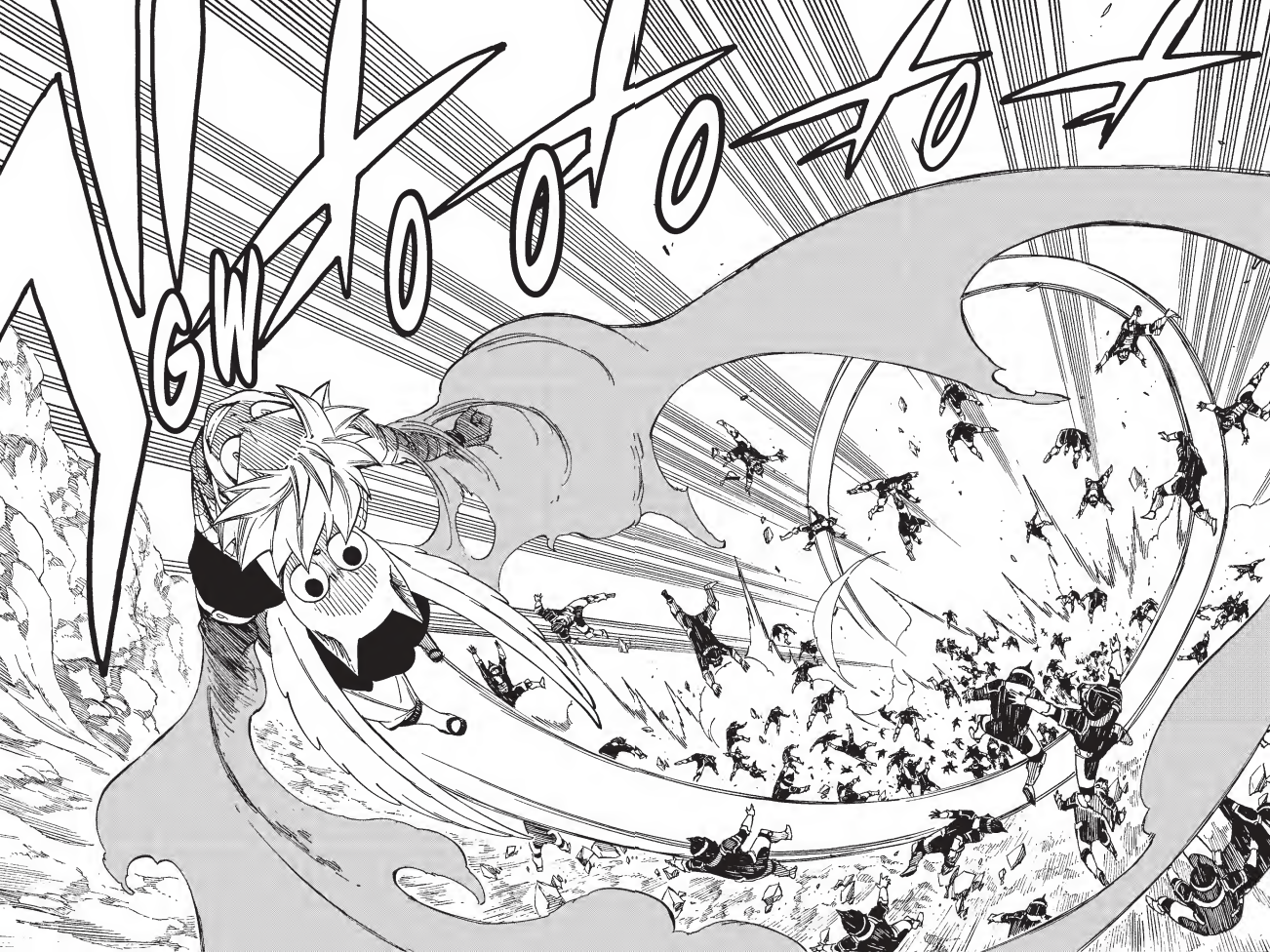


I burned  
it up,  
huh?



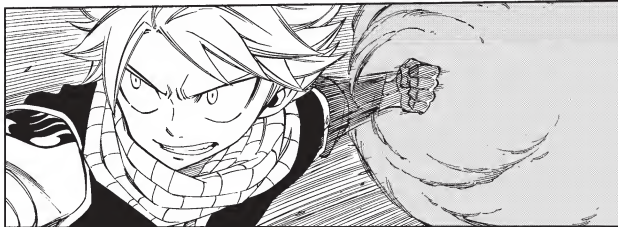
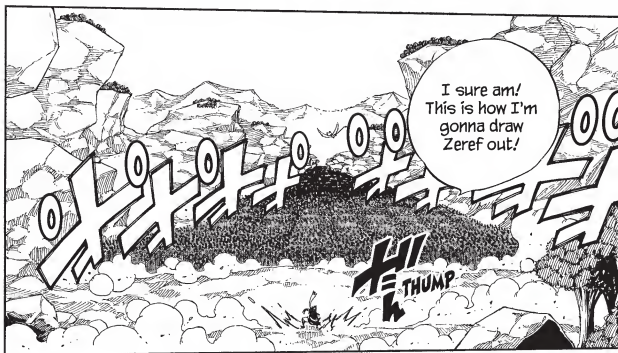
Aye, Sir!

Here  
we go,  
Happy!





Set me down, Happy!







*Hyaah*  
**!!!**

**DWOOM**

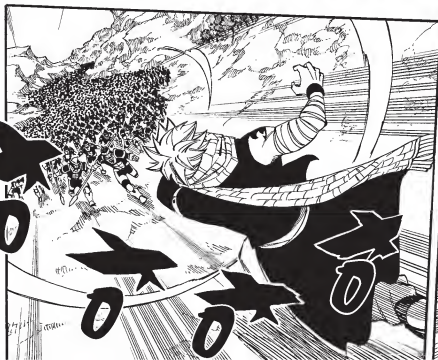
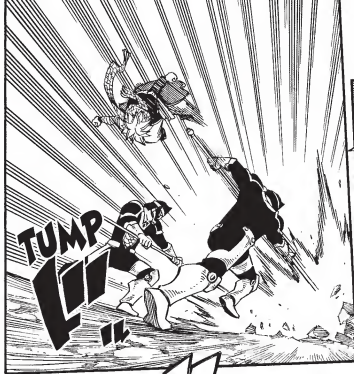
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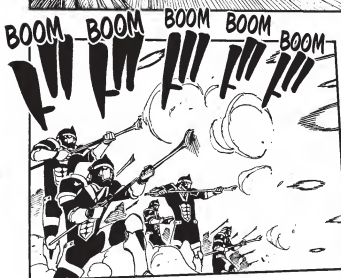
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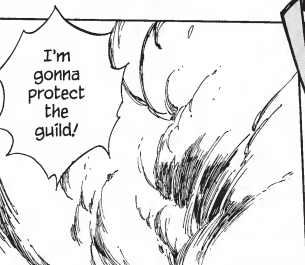








Natsu!



I'm  
gonna  
protect  
the  
guild!



I got  
this!

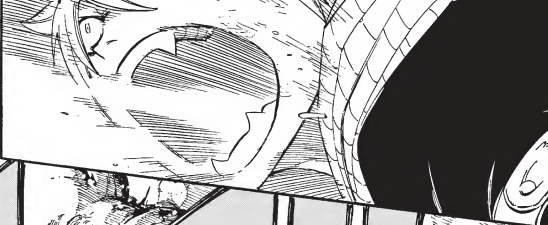


And  
that's  
somethin'  
worth  
fighting  
for!





**DOEN!!!OOOCH**

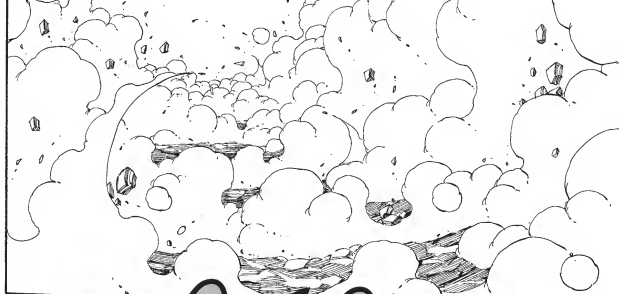


**ENRYÔ-Ô**

**NO  
HÔKÔ\***

**!!!!**

**✖**









I was  
just so  
eager to  
say hi...

...  
Natsu.



But now's  
the time to  
say bye...

...  
Zeref.

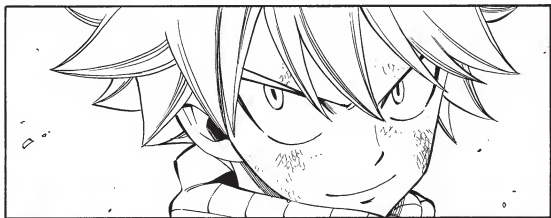
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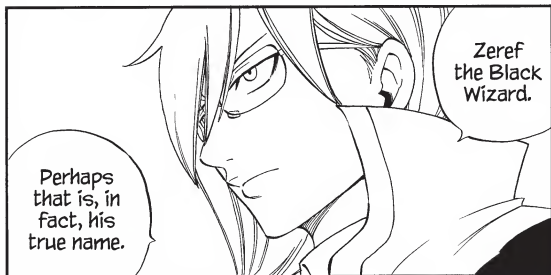
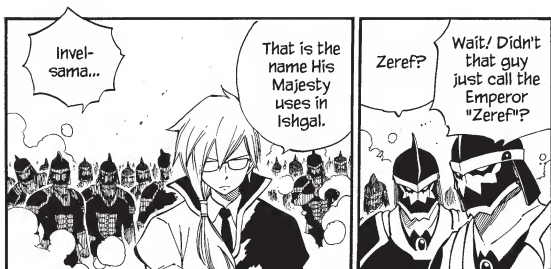
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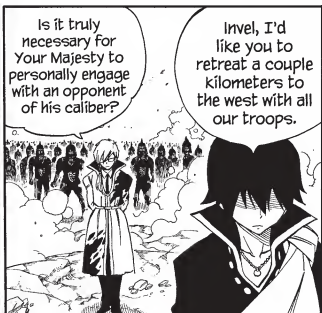
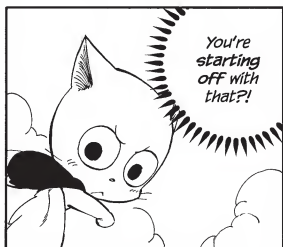
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His Majesty  
will secure  
this road  
himself!

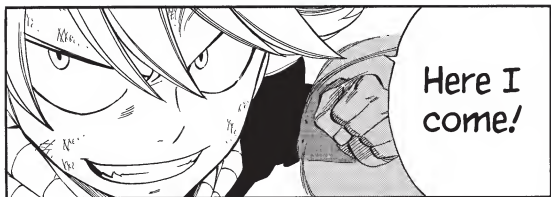
All troops,  
retreat to  
the west!

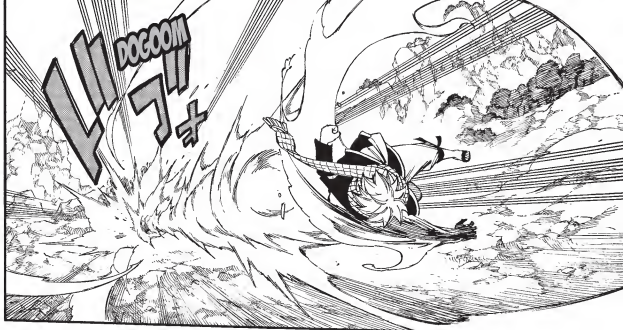
We're never  
handing over  
the first  
master.

The only  
reason it's  
come to this  
is because  
you could not  
destroy me.



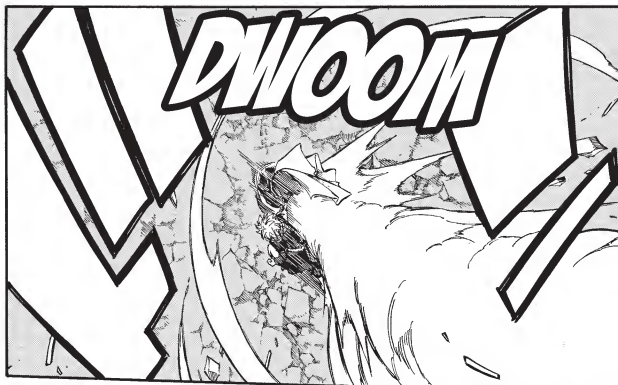
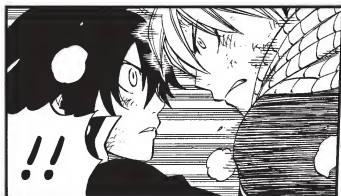


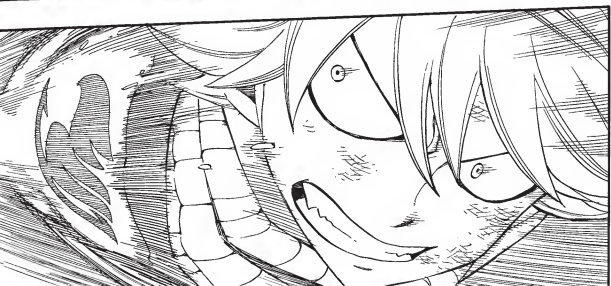


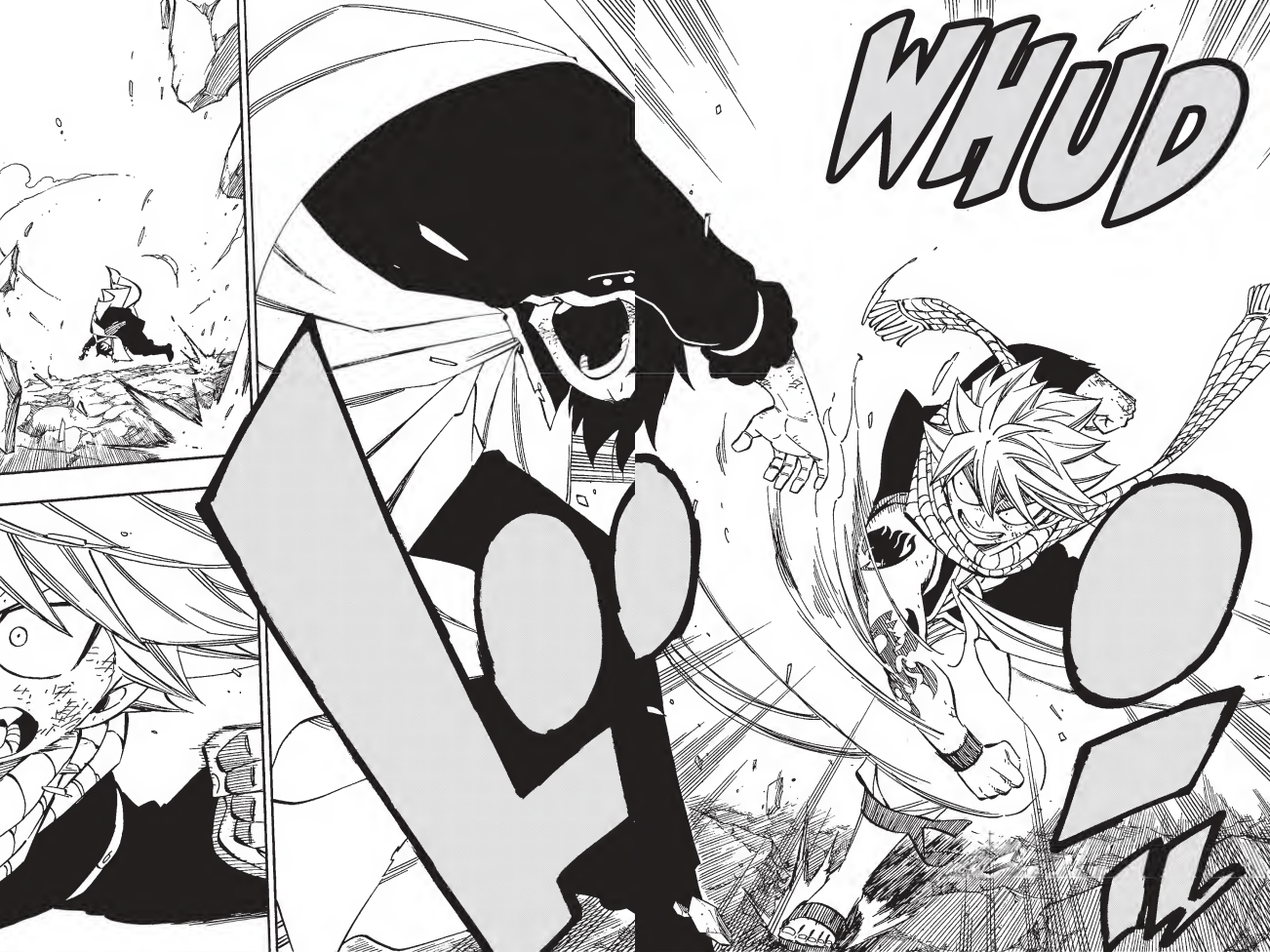




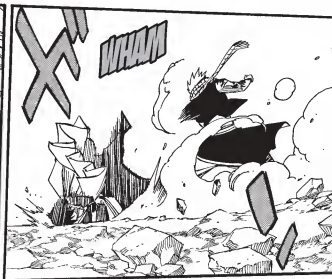
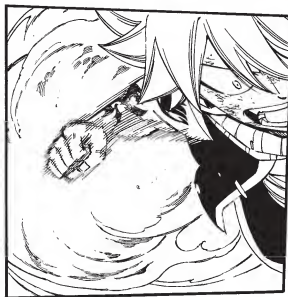




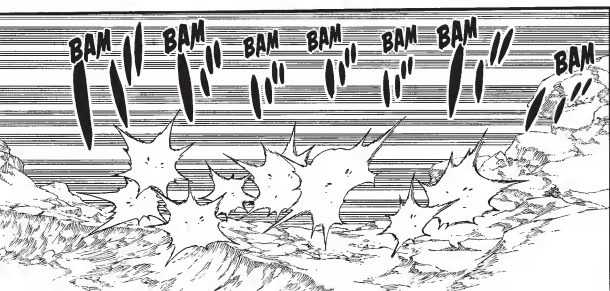
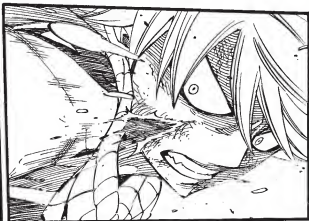














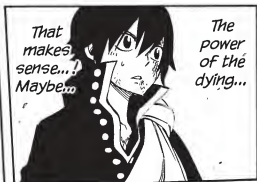


It was  
Igneel's  
resolve.

Yeah...  
Once this  
power is used  
up, it's gone  
for good.

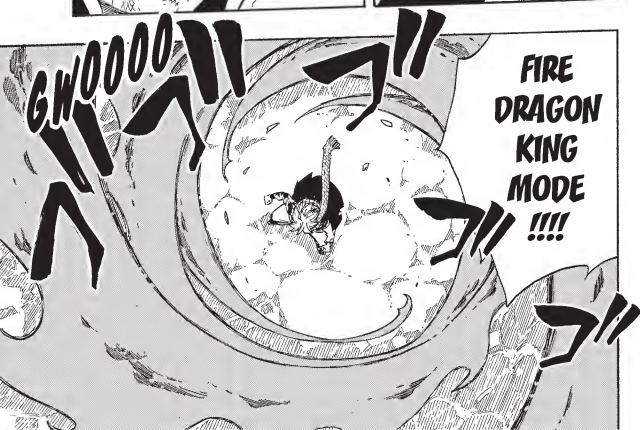


...it's  
enough to  
destroy an  
immortal!



That  
makes  
sense...!  
Maybe...

The  
power of the  
dying...



**FIRE  
DRAGON  
KING  
MODE  
!!!!**





This is  
the end,  
Zeref!



Amazing...



Mavis...

And...



Anna...

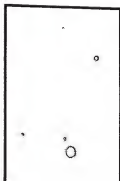
Layla...



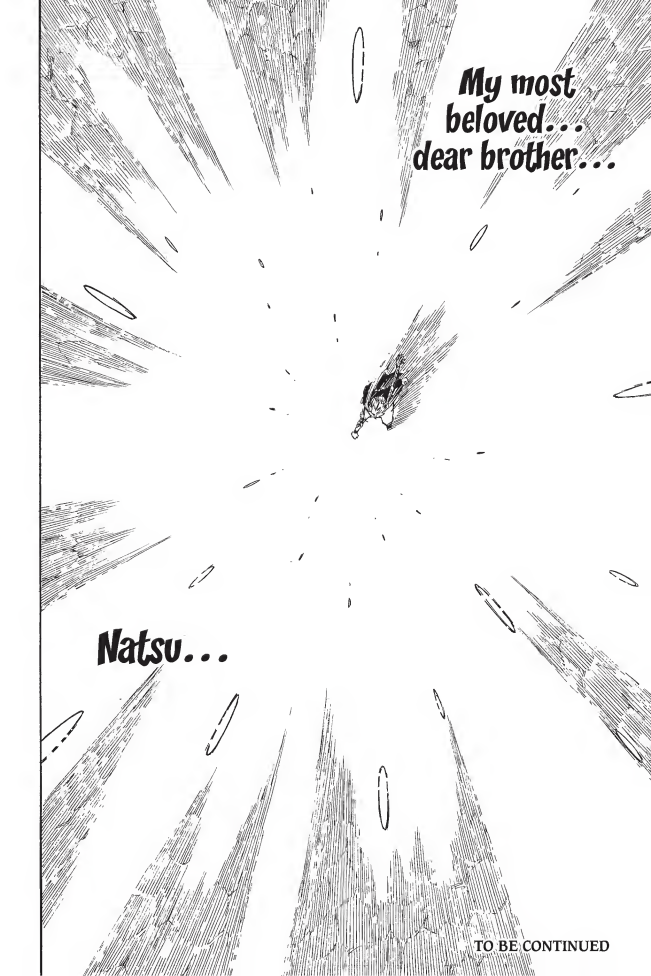
Thank  
you,  
Igneel.



After all this  
time, who knew  
my wish would  
be granted  
now...





A black and white manga-style illustration. In the center, a small figure of a person is falling or flying downwards, surrounded by a cloud of falling debris and rain. The rain is depicted as numerous long, diagonal lines radiating from the center towards the edges of the frame. Several oval shapes, possibly pieces of debris or leaves, are scattered throughout the scene. The overall mood is one of tragedy and loss.

**My most  
beloved...  
dear brother...**

**Natsu...**

**TO BE CONTINUED**

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## Afterword

Sorry to keep you waiting. It looks like the next volume, Volume 55, will be able to be released in Japan in a special edition that features an original animation DVD (OAD). I'm glad to say that this makes the lucky seventh Fairy Tail OAD made so far! The story of the anime will be based on a Fairy Tail short story that appeared in **Magazine Special** called "The Fairies' Penalty Game." It came out quite a while ago. It takes place sometime around the Grand Magic Games when Fairy Tail was divided up into the A team and the B team. The team that lost the tournament had to do some embarrassing things. But in the end, both teams had to combine into one, so things ended a bit vaguely. But in this one, the true winner is revealed! It's a mixture of funny and suggestive scenes, but in the end, it turns into an nice little story, so I hope you're looking forward to it!

And, of course, there will be original scenes in the anime!

Now, my current situation... Well, I've had to do all kinds of approvals on the OAD I just mentioned (including checking the original story over again), writing the script for the movie, and doing character designs, checking the novels and drawing the illustrations within them, checks on the spin-off manga, and checking on some projects that I can't talk about yet, so I've been so busy it made me dizzy. As the number of works based off my stuff increases, so does my workload. But as rough as it is, it's really fantastic, too! Hey, I know I'm not as young as I used to be, but recently a lot of people have been urging me to look after myself. I'm still pretty darned healthy! Actually, I'm grateful my body is doing as well as it is!

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Hiroshima Prefecture, Yui Nishizaki

As you'd figure, there are a lot of people who love these three people! I love them, too!

▼ Zeref and Mavis... How will their confrontation go in the end?!



Aichi Prefecture, Banma



▲ Taurus Form!! I actually really like this design!

Kanagawa Prefecture, Akane Yamashita



▲ It's Acnologia!! He's going to play a big part in the main story pretty soon.

Tokushima Prefecture, Toshihiro Maki

▼ Hey! Art from Fairy Tail ZERO! If you want to know who Zera is, check out Fairy Tail ZERO!



Tochigi Prefecture, Nori



Tokyo, Sae Endo

Now this is well done! Everybody's expressions are really nice!

## REJECTION CORNER

This is a rare pairing. Extremely rare!



ポン!ポン!ポン!  
お仕事頑張ら! がんばら!  
応援いかな!

Gunma Prefecture, Mamoru Masaki

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Saitama Prefecture, Akane Saito

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► I'm giving it my best!! Thanks for the message!!



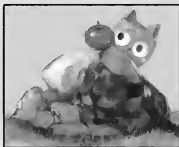
Osaguma Prefecture, Keiichi Nishida



▲ Wendy's grown! Yeah, that's true. She's gotten stronger, huh?

Yamanashi Prefecture, Ryo

FROM HIRO MASHIMA



Fairy Tail is becoming a stage play!

When I first heard the idea,  
I thought, "Huh? How are you  
gonna do magic and stuff?"  
But the answer they came up  
with was pretty incredible!  
As the opening night draws  
closer, my anticipation grows!

Original Jacket Design: Hisao Ogawa

## Translation Notes:

Japanese is tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

### Page 60,

#### Nakagami Asterism

This is the same as the Nakagami attack found in Volume 38. As previously mentioned, Nakagami, also known as Tenichijin or Tenitsujin, is the chief of the 12 Generals of Heaven found in the esoteric astrology of the famous Japanese spiritualist Abe no Seimei. An asterism is a star picture (like the big dipper) that isn't an official constellation.



### Page 81, Fairy dust

Evergreen's fairy dust seems to be derived from the scales on the wings of lepidoptera, an order of butterflies and moths. These scales on the wings can provide camouflage, or warning colors indicating that they are toxic (mimicking actual toxic animals). Since the wings can easily be shed, they provide a defense if they are trying to escape from a predator's nest or web.



### Page 104, Dark Écriture

As mentioned previously when Fried first used the attack in Volume 14, écriture is French for "writing," so Fried wrote the spell to enact it.







Huh...? What,  
again?!

真島ヒロ HIRASHIMA



I often lose  
precious things  
as well.



Oh really?

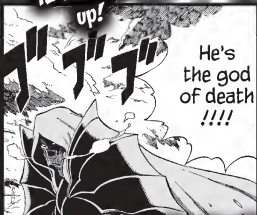


Forward!

We will now begin our mission to liberate Halgeon!

Meanwhile, in every part of Fiore, guilds are trying to mount a defense against a vicious attack!

The Spriggan 12 won't let up!



He's the god of death!!!!

Against a woman warrior who takes the name of a god!

If I let you live, you'll just cause me trouble. Mind if I kill you?

And a man loved by the dragon gods!

God Bye-bye.

The wizards of Ishgal are horrified when they face such overwhelming, unimaginable power!



Farewell

Natsu...



The astonishing truth behind a secret held for 400 years is revealed!



This can't be happening... Natsu...



Natsu!

Natsu !!

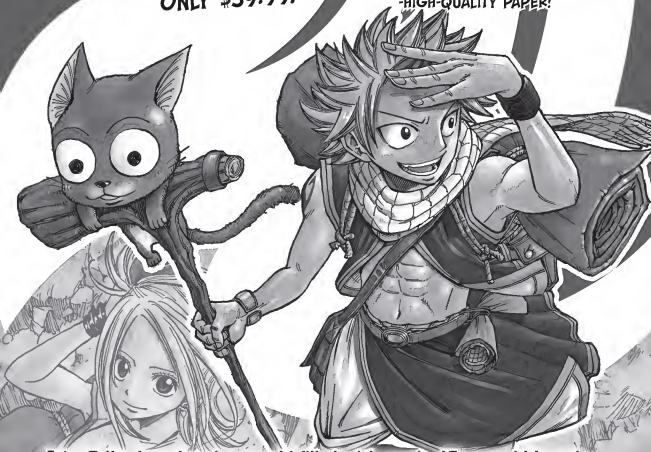
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